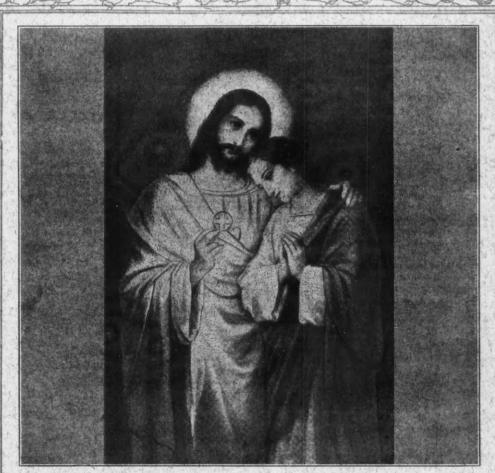
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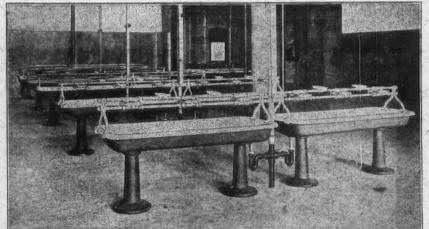
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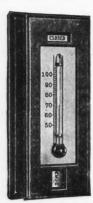
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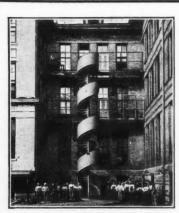
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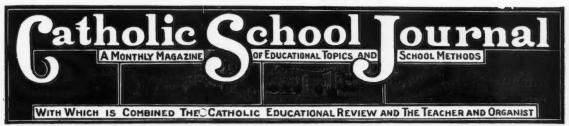
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even the best of them wear out in time, even if the wearer should not happen to outgrow them. Many of us would be freer to do God's work in God's world if our mentors would only refrain from loading us with heaps of unfashionable, outgrown and unwearable professional vesture. Saul's armor was very good armor; but it was not good for little David.

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We were expected to prepare so many lines of Latin and Greek, or so many problems in mathematics, or so many pages of the text-book in logic or in political economy; and in the classroom we were severally called upon to disgorge this undigested information. And it was information that we were expected to acquire, rather than the ability to turn this to account and to think for ourselves.

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students have time to read, so why get any more."

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In a Catholic college such a thing should be considered heresy, for it implies that somebody besides the Pope is infallible—and that in matters not directly pertaining to faith or morals! to faith or morals!

And, finally, can we honestly say that the recitation-hearers, as distinguished from the teachers, have com-pletely vanished from our schools? Are there not here and there hidebound old-timers who continue to make students disgorge undigested information and who find no incentive, no inspiration to effective teaching in the events of the last twenty years-men who today teach mathematics or history just as they did before the war with Spain?

These things are blots on our reputation as educators and veritable millstones tied about the necks of progressive teachers who understand the needs of the times and the fundamental nature of man as revealed in such relatively new sciences as sociology and psychology. Indeed, we have known of quarters where the word progressive vas held in slight esteem and made the target of unseemly ridicule, and where to call a teacher conservative was to canonize him on the spot. To be sure, in every school both the progressive and the conservative are needed, but it will do no harm for all concerned to remember that the progressives are the wheels while the conservatives are merely brakes.

We Catholic teachers are in no great danger of falling victims to undue progressiveness; for a number of reasons we are more apt to fall into the error of priding ourselves on a form of conservatism which is really a form of stagnation. It sometimes happens that men are elevated to positions of direction and management who have not been in active touch with educational problems and conditions for many years and who cannot understand save by a special grace not always given them-the needs and the difficulties of the moment. In every well built educational organization the place of the leader is out in front—not half a century behind the times. And let it be thoroughly understood that no man is a safe and sound guide for teachers unless he is himself a teacher—not thirty years ago, but right now.

A MODERN INSTANCE. All this demands medita-tion when there is question of selecting textbooks. The first consideration ought to be this: Was this book written by a teacher? Scores of textbooks are turned out scholars, by theorists, by dilettanti and by booksellers hacks, textbooks often copiously advertised and fervently recommended by men with a minimum of actual class-room experience. Such books, too often, are enthusias-tically adopted by school boards—the members of which never even pretend to be teachers—and then the real educators are forced to do their work handicapped by improper tools.

In our own schools a present difficulty is the standardizing of texts in religion. Now Christian Doctrine is a relatively stable subject, inasmuch as its content is fixed and permanent. There is no question here of difference of matter, but merely of variety of manner of presentation. And the one pertinent consideration is, what man is best qualified to choose the manner of presentation best suited to the needs and capacities of growing minds?

theologian, or the moralist, or the psychologist or the artful dabbler or the faddist? Or is it the man who teaches? It would seem that a series of textbooks of religion prepared and used by a society of Catholic educa-tors should have many points in its favor as compared with a series of textbooks made by men who know everything about religion except the actual teaching of it to

children in the grades.

Common sense should go far toward solving the difficulty. If I want a loaf of bread, I don't go to a learned chemist who can tell me all about the constituents and properties of gluten and starch, but I betake me to the man who has had practical experience in the baking and the selling of bread. If my house is on fire, I waste no time in securing the excellent theories of the eminent physicist across the street; but I send in an alarm to the firemen who have specialized in the art of putting out fires. And if a rude highwayman stops me in the street and takes away my watch and my purse, I do not seek redress at the hands of a learned criminologist or a biographer of the James Boys and Robin Hood; I simply

whistle for a policeman.

Similarly, if I am looking for a good text in Christian Doctrine, why should I seek out a devout hermit or a Doctor of Sacred Theology or a theorist who maintains that he has perfected some short and easy method of teaching religion? The rational procedure is to go to the static approach. practical, successful teacher. And the teacher tells me, "Here is a book which I use in my class and which several thousand of my fellow teachers likewise use. It has been prepared by a corps of practical, experienced teachers. It has its weak points, of course, for no textbook can possibly be fool-proof; but it is the best textbook we know of, the most workable, the most teachable." Am I

OF MAKING MEN. Once there was a novice who ingenuously confessed to his director that he had a tempta-tion against the faith. "I find," he said, "that my wretched tion against the faith. "I find," he said, "that my wretched body is a source of temptation to me and a cause of weakness; it is a great danger to my eternal salvation, for through it I stand liable to be drawn away from the things of God. And therefore this thought, this temptation has taken hold of me: How can the Creator be Good and Lovable, since He puts me in a position of so much isopardy?" much jeopardy?"

making a blunder in adopting such a book?

And the wise director made answer thus: "Temptation And the wise director made answer thus: "Temptation is part of the divine plan. God has given you your troublesome body to teach you lessons of wisdom. It is His will that you learn to know yourself by means of close association with danger. He loves you so much that He won't coddle you. His greatest gift to you is free will; yet it is a most dangerous gift. What reward could you expect to receive for doing right unless you had a man's circ change of doing wrong?

size chance of doing wrong?

Some weeks ago Miss Ella Frances Lynch, of the National League of Teacher-Mothers at Bryn Mawr, gave to an anxious mother this piece of advice regarding the up-bringing of a boy: "Do not stop harmless mischievousness, but let him learn to take the consequences and shape his conduct accordingly. Give him a reasonable amount of liberty to get into trouble. You must do that if you want him to get strong to resist what is wrong and bad."

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The monk and the teacher both had the right idea. It is impossible to make men, real men, strong men, manly men, unless they be given liberty to get into trouble. They must be taught to develop initiative, to learn how to fight danger by wrestling with danger. That is the way of the wise teacher with his pupils, and it is the way of God with

Therefore excessive organization, minute regulation of conduct, dozens of producing do's and prohibitive dont's, do not strengthen character; they weaken and deprave it. The severest indictment of the military life is based on the fact that it makes for dull and deadly regularity and destroys the spirit of initiative and individuality. Con-

cerning it a recent critic says:

"The soldier's life is so arranged that the only thing to do is to be irresponsible. His food, shelter, and clothing are provided for him. He has no voice in matters of the most intimate and personal activity. He can do nothing of his own volition. The buttons on his coat are regulated by a rule which he did not make and which he cannot change. The shape of his shoes, the color of his hat cord, (Continued on Page 112)

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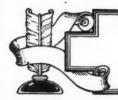
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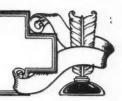
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#### H Cesson from "Famlet" Poise:

By Brother Leo, F. S. C., L. H. D.

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Poise is the perfection of character. To become an ex-tremist in one path or another life, to shut out from one's purview all phases of existence save those with which one is intensively concerned, to carry concentration to that point of progress where it involves indifference to everything not its immediate object—all this is something relatively easy to accomplish. It is being done, in the world and in the cloister, for better and for worse, in evil report and in good report, every day. Many hard workers, many scholars, many saints secure their distinction by this process of ruthless elimination of everything in life that does not directly pertain to the object they have in view. And they are rightly called narrow and ope-sided for they have in view.

they are rightly called narrow and one-sided, for they have given a misproportioned pattern to their lives; they lack balance, poise, the perfection of character. Repeatedly we have been told that the great aim of

education is to secure full, complete, well-rounded development, to cultivate the sound mind in the sound body, to teach something about everything and everything about something. That ideal is the ideal of poise. Poise enables a man to travel in distant lands and yet not find himself an alien; to bathe his intellect in many currents of thought and yet be not swept away by any; to absorb, to assimilate all wisdom, human and divine, and yet find the possibility of its fruitful and vital correlation; to give freely and unstintedly of his learning, his talents, his friendship and his time, and yet possess his soul in harmony, in growth and in peace. The man of the world has poise when he can converse agreeably and profitably alike with the statesman, the society woman and the bootblack; the educator has poise when he can take delight both in the great books of the world and in his students' weekly the great dooks of the world and in his students' weekly themes; the religious has poise when he finds it possible to reconcile the wonderful paradoxes of Christ's Gospel teachings, to lose his life and to save it, to be at the same time a richly convivial human being and a rigidly solitary saint. The supreme exemplar of poise is Our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom it is written, "He hath done all things well." well.

The perfection, the ripe development, the harmonious growth of personality which poise implies is difficult to secure. It comes not save by conscious effort and valiant striving and wise discernment and knowledge wide and deep. Mere hard work will not produce it, nor will mere zeal nor mere scholarship nor mere sanctity; nor will one's place of birth nor one's state in life. Souls may be saved without it; with it, souls can hardly be lost. Poise means in some degree a reflection in the individual man of the infinite power and knowledge and beauty and love and justice and goodness of God. Every branch of learning may help the individual to secure poise but especially. ing may help the individual to secure poise, but especially is there aid and stimulation in the right study of literature, for here, more than in any other department of knowledge, is there a copious store and a happy commingling of all wisdom, both human and divine.

1. The Consciousness of Knowledge. The man who

habitually devotes himself to the reading of the world's great books—the books of the singers and the philosophers, the story-tellers and the masters of style—will assuredly learn much and know much; but—and this is something vastly more important—he will come to learn how to learn and to know that he knows. In other words, he will gain that rare and gravely misunderstood gift, the consciousness of knowledge.

Let him, for instance, read aright Shakespeare's great

drama, "Hamlet." In the protagonist he comes face with an intensely appealing man; and in the life and in the thought, in the words and in the personality of that protagonist he finds endless opportunity for comparthat protagonist he finds endless opportunity for comparing and testing and re-shaping his own life and thought, his own speech and character. He is forced to ask himself: "Am I as great or as little a man as Hamlet? Am I so handicapped by nature, environment and fate? Am I so greatly tried by griefs and perplexities, so cruelly torn by conflicting passions? Have I been blessed as he was blessed with one faithful and dependable friend? To what extent do I share in his view of human life, in his "thoughts beyond the reaches of our souls?" What do I consider the supreme excellence in his character, and what consider the supreme excellence in his character, and what the fatal flaw; and what is my own status in these regards? What should I do were I in his place; and what would be do were he in misself.

would he do were he in mine?

Nor will the reader confine himself to a study of the principal character in the play. He will consider the drama as a whole—remembering always that a drama is essentially character in action—and realize that he is learning many an important lesson from the men and women in the play: From King Claudius, who has al-lowed the sensual side of his nature to gain so vile a mastery over his better parts that even the grace of prayer is denied him though the worm of conscience gnaws unceasingly at his heart; from Gertrude, the queenmother, who is weak rather than bad, and whose weak-ness brings woe and sin into every life that touches hers; from the "rose of May," the fair Ophelia, whose gentle-ness and beauty, unsustained by a sturdy character, are unable to preserve her and those she loves from the bit-ter wind of tragedy; from Laertes, that thrasonical sower of words, whose threats and resolutions are impressive but whose achievements are so pitifully small; from Polo-nius who has been most ironically cursed with the con-sciousness of knowledge without the knowledge itself, who relies unduly on the past for light on the problems of the present, who ever gives honorable and wise counsel while ever acting dishonorably and stupidly; yea, from the Grave-Maker who can sing cheerful songs while he spades human bones and who has evolved a philosophy of life that is of the earth, earthy.

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In fine, the reader of "Hamilet" comes gradually to see that he has drawn from the play not merely a knowledge of human nature, but a realization of human nature, in himself and in others, which will aid him and console him in the conduct of his own career. He discovers that the ideal type of man is thinker as well as doer and doer as well as thinker, that sin is a canker that affects the innocent as well as the guilty, that evil is wrought less through deliberate malice than through passion and weakthrough deliberate malice than through passion and weakness. And at every turn he finds springing up in his mind events in his past life, episodes in the world's history, passage remembered from the Holy Ssriptures and the Imitation that serve to confirm and explain his impressions of the play and its characters.

2. The Relativity of Knowledge. The consciousness of

2. The Relativity of Knowledge. The consciousness of knowledge makes for poise, for it is really the salutary consciousness of power; but the study of "Hamlet" gives also a realization of the relativity of knowledge, which is really the salutary realization of ignorance. The reader perceives that ignorance—criminal ignorance, as in the case of the King, or complacent ignorance, as in the case of Polonius, or contental ignorance in the case of Ophelia—leads unswervingly to disaster; that the Grave-Maker illustrates the ignorance of the clown and that Hamlet illustrates the ignorance of the learned; that, in the play as in life, even the men who know most really know pathetically little. And these perceptions will evoke a wholesome act of humility and a renewed consciousness that the reader himself—who is probably neither a Hamlet nor a Grave-Maker—has yet many new things to learn and many old things to learn anew. Thence will come another element in poise—that gentleness of spirit and courteousness of attitude and moderateness of

statement which characterize the possessor of mental, emotional and spiritual balance and proportion.

3. The Fruits of Experience. Even a cursory reading of "Hamlet" serves to remind us of the truth once graphically expressed by an American humorist: "Experience keeps a good school, but the tuition is high." Here, as also where Schelbergers replace it place that the fruits of keeps a good school, but the tuition is high." Here, as elsewhere, Shakespeare makes it clear that the fruits of experience—however merry may have been the sowing—are garnered only at the price of tears and trouble. And more than that, he shows—a thing that some of us never seem to learn and that the rest of us are prone to forget—that often, though the tears be salt and the trouble sore, the fruits of experience vanish as a dream in the night. Hamlet, though the most tragic figure in the entire play, has this unique distinction: He learns something from every person and from every event; he can profit from seeing the First Player read a fustian speech and from hearing the Grave-Maker discuss the process of bodily decomposition, from meeting his father's spirit on the battlements at Elsinore and from discovering that Laertes tlements at Elsinore and from discovering that Laertes fences with an envenomed foil. Hamlet at the begin-ning of the drama, is the wisest man in Denmark; and at the end he is vastly a wiser man. On the other hand, we have Polonius who, though he is twice Hamlet's age, has not a tithe of his wisdom; and who though he has had all manner of educative experience, learns only to play the eavesdropper and to die the death of a rat. A medial type is Hamlet's mother; she learns from experience, but not until her soul is mired and her heart is torn to shreds. The closet scene is the climax of her spiritual education, the turning point in her moral life; and the key to it is found in Hamlet's momentous words, "I must

be cruel only to be kind."

This ability to pluck the fruits of experience always and everywhere and each day to live one's life sustained by that nourishing if sometimes unpalatable food, is an-other prerequisite for the acquisition of poise. The man of poise, like unto the man of justice, may fall seven times a day; but ordinarily he never falls twice in the same place. He makes mistakes; but he learns from his mistakes: And—this by no means an inconsiderable trifle he learns from other people's mistakes. Were Hamlet given his life to live over again, he would be able, in the light of his past experience, to shape its course more successfully; but were Polonius given fifty lives to live over again, he would prove but fifty varieties of the same old

Sympathy. Another mark of poise is the capacity of feeling with others, even when knowledge of their mo-tives is lacking and approval of their conduct is denied. tives is lacking and approval of their conduct is denied. This trait is beautifully illustrated in Hamlet's consistent treatment of his mother—"I will speak daggers to her but will use none." And the reverse of it is aptly indicated in Polonius's complaint that the First Player's recital is "too long," and in the Grave-Maker's callous and flippant commentary on the death of Ophelia. The misshapen soul detests the things he does not understand; well-proportioned soul strives, through sympathy, to

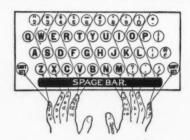
merit understanding.

5. A Training in Urbanity. Urbanity is true politeness; it is the savior faire which cometh from within. Superficial politeness—not inappositely styled "party manners"—depends on external rules of etiquette, and often, while observing them to the letter, is false to their spirit. But urbanity is essentially of the spirit, and implies true kind-ness, thoughtfulness, unselfishness, ease and tact. Many of Shakespeare's kingly characters possess this fine flower of Shakespeare's kingly characters possess this fine flower of personality, but none of them in so high a degree as Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. To read the scenes wherein he converses with Horatio, with Polonius, with the players, with his mother, with the Grave-Maker, is to realize that urbanity in act and speech is something that can come only from inherent wisdom and nobility of soul. Never do we forget that he is the Prince; yet never does he "stand upon his dignity" or wave the baton of authority. Not from superiors of his inteldectual stature can ever come.

> "The insolence of office, and the spruns That patient merit of the unworthy takes."

But mean, unworthy souls like Claudius, invested with the trappings of exalted state, will ignobly hide behind a woman's skirts and strive to dominate bigger and better men by insisting on their royal prerogatives:

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#### Sixteenth Annual Meeting THE CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. At St. Louis, Mo. June 23-26, 1919.

St. Louis, Mo., where the Catholic Educational Association of the United States was organized in the year 1904, will this year be the place of holding the sixteenth annual session of the or-ganization under the auspices of the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Arch-bishop of St. Louis.

The convention dates are June 23, 24, 25 and 26, respectively. A cordial invitation is extended to all Catholic scholars and educators in the United States to attend this important meet-

States to attend this important meeting.

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"Never were the problems more serious than those which now confront the supporters of Christian education in our country, and never was there greater need of a common understanding and united action. The Association has been a most potent means of serving these ends, and the annual meeting at St. Louis will undoubtedly offer to our educators some useful suggestions in regard to the situation that must be dealt with."

A large number of the Bishops of the country will send official dele-

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important papers and addresses will be presented at the meet-ings of the three departments of the association, College and Secondary Schools, Parish Schools and Semina-ries. The preliminary program is outlined in these columns, but at the time of going to press, it is incom-plete with regards to some essential

The religious communities in St. Louis and vicinity will extend suitable hospitality for visiting religious superiors. Priests who attend and desire to say Mass will be accommodated. Address inquiries to Rev. J. P. Murray, 2122 S. Twelfth street, St. Louis.



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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM.

Monday, June 23.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Meeting of the Advisory Committee.

11:00 A. M.—The meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Catholic Educational Association will be held at the Hotel Headquarters, (Hotel Jefferson). A report to be presented to the Executive Board of the Association will be considered

sidered.

Meeting of the Executive Board.

100 P. M.—The regular annual meeting of the Executive Board will be held at Hotel Headquarters. Any member of the Association who has business that should come before the Board, is requested to send notice in advance to the Secretary General. The Executive Board is the final authority in the Association and passes on all matters of importance pertaining to its welfare.

Meetings of Special Committees.

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(60) P. M.—Meetings of the Executive Committees of the Departments are held at this time on notice from the officers of the respective Departments. The meetings will be held in the place where the public reception is given.

RECEPTION. 8:00 P. M.—A reception will be given by the Most Rev. Archbishop and his clergy, and distinguished laymen of the city, to the priests and Brothers in at-tendance at the Convention. The place for holding the reception will be an-nounced in the official program.

Tuesday, June 24. OPENING MASS.

9:00 A. M.—The formal opening of the Convention will be solemnized by Mass celebrated in the new Cathedral. His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Glennon, will give an address to the delegates on this occasion.

#### GENERAL SESSION.

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Cathedral School Auditorium.

11:00 A. M.—Opening of the Convention.
Address of the President General, Rt.
Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D.D.
Reading of reports.
Appointment of committees.
Paper: "Industrial Progress in Its
Relation to Education." By the Rev.
John A. Ryan, D.D., Professor of
Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America.
Discussion.
Announcement of members of committees.

# Tuesday Afternoon, June 24. DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.
Department of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
2:00 P. M.—Opening of the session. Address of the President, Very Reverend Bernard P. O'Reilly, S. M., St. Mary College, Dayton, O.
Announcement of topics to be discussed at Business Session, Thursday morning.
Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and Nominations.
2:30 P. M.—Paper: "Social Life in Colleges."
Discussion.

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CATHOLIC COLLEGES FOR WOMEN.
4:00 P. M.—Opening of Conference. Address by Rev. James H. Ryan, D.D.,
Chairman of the Session.

Topic for Discussion: "The Licensing and Certification of Teachers in Parish and High Schools." Representatives from the five women's colleges, members of the North Central Association, will read reports of the conditions existing in the Middle West relative to this problem. It is the expectation of the committee that a working program, on a tentative basis, may be devised to meet a situation which our schools will soon have to face.

PARISH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Cathedral School, Auditorium.
2:00 P. M.—Opening of the session. Address of the President of the Department, Reverend Joseph P. Smith, Superintendent of the Parish Schools of the Archdiocese of New York.

Business Session.

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Appointment of cimmittees.
Paper: By the Reverend Joseph V.
S. McClancy, Superintendent of Parish
Schools, Brooklyn, N. Y. Subject to be
announced later.
100 P. M.—"The Unification of Religious
Instruction by Our Holy Father, Benedict XV." By the Reverend Roderick A. MacEachen, D.D., Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
Discussion.

SUPERINTENDENTS' SECTION. SUPERINTENDENTS' SECTION.
4:00 P. M. Session.—The program of this section is in charge of the Chairman, Rev. John E. Flood, Superintendent of Parish Schools, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The papers will be announced later. A special effort is made to insure the attendance of the superintendents of parish schools of the dioceses of the country.



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CATHOLIC DEAF-MUTE CON-FERENCE.
2:00 P. M.—The following list of topics for papers and discussions has been pre-pared by Reverend Ferdinand Moeller. S. J.. of Kansas City, Mo., Chairman of the Deaf-Mute Conference.

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Gaining of Indulgences by the Deaf. (Canon 936.)

Preparing Deaf Children and Adults for First Communion.

"Distinctively Catholic Signs," approved at the Baltimore meeting of the C. D. M. C.

the C. D. M. C.

4. How Can Our Catholic Schools and Centers for the Deaf be Improved and Aided? Their Support.

5. Needs in the Missionary Field for the Deaf.

6. Catholic Children.

the Deaf.

6. Catholic Children in State Schools.

7. Oral or Combined Method? Practical Results.

8. Catholic Societies, Especially the Ladles of De l'Eppe.

9. Catholic Newspapers for the Deaf.

10. Other Topics suggested by the members. (Subjects which members desire to have discussed should be announced at the first meeting.)

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Note.—In order that the members of the Catholic Deafmute Conference may be able to attend sessions of the other departments of the Catholic Educational Association, the meetings will be arranged to suit the convenience of the greatest number. When time allows, anyone present at the sessions of the Conference is invited to propose questions concerning the deaf, or to open a discussion of some vital topic dealing with the care and education of the deaf.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL WORK FOR NEGROES.

2:00 P. M.—Meeting of Conference. In the past year, an organization has been formed of Catholic educators who are engaged in working for the interest and advancement of the Negro population of our country. The Association was formed under the patronage and guidance of the Rt. Rev. Dennis J. O'Connell, D.D., Bishop of Richmond, Va. The officers of the Association intend to establish a working relation with the Catholic Educational Association; and if time permits, a program will be prepared, and a session of these representatives will be held at the St. Louis convention. A more definite announcement cannot be made at this time.

SEMINARY DEPARTMENT.

100 P. M.—The following program gives the list of subjects that will be considered in the sessions of the Seminary Department. The writers have been selected, and announcement of their names will be made in the official program.

· Grand Seminary. The Seminary and some present du-es of the Catholic Church in the ties of the Catholic Church in the United States.

1. The Seminary and the Social Duty of the Church.

The Seminary and the Missionary Duty of the Church.
 The Seminary and the Raising of Funds for Catholic Works.

2. Preparatory Seminary.
The Preparatory Seminary, Its Curriculum and Special Intellectual Problems.

2. Classical Education in the Preparatory Seminary.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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7:30 P. M.—The various committees of the Association and its Departments hold meetings at this time. The chairman of each committee will inform the members of his committee as to the time and place in which he wishes the meeting held.

GENERAL SESSION.

Meeting of Members of All Departments.
8:00 P. M.—Paper: "Readjustment in the Time Element in Education." By the Reverend Henry S. Spalding, S. J., Professor of Pedagogy, St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A general discussion of this paper will take place after the reading of it, and Directors of Studies, and Superintendents of Schools, and Community Inspectors, are specially invited to present their views on the various phases of the topic.

Wednesday Morning, June 25.
DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.

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Department of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
9:00 A. M.—Paper: "Attitude of Catholics Towards Higher Education." Writer to be announced later.
Discussion.
10:30 A. M.—Paper, "The College Library and Its Relation to College Work." By the Reverend Paul Stolk, C. S. C., Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.
Discussion. ame Univer

The various sections of the Department are preparing programs which are not far enough advanced for publication at this time.

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PARISH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.
Cathedral School, Auditorium.

100 A. M.—Paper: "School Legislation in Nebraska." By the Reverend J. A. Nepper, Rushville, Neb.

100 A. M.—Paper: "The Role of the Teacher in Fostering Vocations." By Brother Eugene Paulin, S. M., Ferguson, Mo. Discussion.

1100 A. M.—Paper: "School Libraries."

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By Brother Gerald, S. M., St. Louis, Mo. Discussion.

DEAF-MUTE CONFERENCE.

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Cathedral School.
9:00 A. M.—Session.
CONFERENCE OF SUPERIORS OF RE-

ON A. M.—Session.
ONFERENCE OF SUPERIORS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

30 A. M.—Session.
Invitations were issued by the authority of Most Rev. Archbishop Glennon to the Superiors of Religious Communities of Women engaged in teaching
in the United States, to send representatives to a conference that will be held
at the St. Louis meeting of the Catholic
Educational Association. The sessions
of this conference will be held at the
Academy of the Sacred Heart, corner of
Taylor and Maryland avenues, in the
immediate vicinity of the Cathedral
school. The conference will be open
only to those who come as representatives of the various religious communities. Opportunity will be given for discussion on the present problems of the
educational situation.

The proceedings of the Conference

educational situation.

The proceedings of the Conference will be conducted by Very Reverend James A. Burns, LL.D., Vice President General of the Catholic Educational Association.

Paper: "More Thorough Preparation of Teachers for Our Schools and Academies." By the Very Reverend Edward A. Pace, D.D., of the Catholic University of America. Discussion.

SEMINARY DEPARTMENT.

Cathedral School.

Cathedral School. 9:00 A. M.—Session.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 25. GENERAL MEETINGS.

Department of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

2:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Department.

2:30 P. M.—Paper: "The Principles of Standardization." By the Reverend Francis P. Donnelly, S. J., Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.

Discussion.

PARISH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.
LOCAL TEACHERS' MEETING.
Cathedral School, Auditorium.
Meetings of the teachers of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Rev. J. A. Murray, Superintendent of Parish Schools of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, presiding.
2:30 P. M.—Paper: "Entrance Requirements for the Junior High School." By Brother John Schuetz, Dayton, O.
3:30 P. M.—Paper. Subject and writer to

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DEAF-MUTE CONFERENCE. Cathedral School.

2:30 P. M.—Session. CONFERENCE OF SUPERIORS OF RE-

CONFERENCE OF SUPERIORS OF RE-LIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. 2:30 P. M.—Paper: "The Trend of Edu-cational Legislation." By the Reverend Paul L. Blakely, S. J., Associate Editor of "America," New York City. Discussion.

GENERAL SESSION.

7:30 P. M.—General meeting of all members of the Association. Annual election of general officers of the Association. At this meeting a President General, three Vice-Presidents Generals, and a Treasurer General of the Association are elected for the ensuing year.

Business Session. Any matter relating to the good of the Association may be presented at this meeting.

8:00 P. M.—Paper: Writer and subject to be announced later.

SUPERINTENDENTS 'SECTION.

Cathedral School.

8:00 P. M.—Session.

Thursday Morning, June 26.
DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.
Department of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
9:00 A. M.—The following topics will be presented in brief papers, the reading of which shall not exceed an allowance of ten minutes for each paper. A discussion will follow the reading of each paper.

cussion will follow the reading of each paper.

A. Report on Standardization. By the Rev. Matthew A. Schumacher, C. S. C., Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.

B. Military Training. By the Very Rev. H. Moynihan, D.D., Rector of College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

C. Educational Legislation. By the Rev. Michael Cotter, S. M., Jefferson College, Convent, La.

D. The Lay Apostolate. By the Rev. E. F. Garesche, S. J., St. Louis, Mo.

E. College Reports and Exhibits

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By a Christian Brother, of St. Louis,
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F. Scholarships for Latin-American
Students. By the Very Rev. B. P.
O'Reilley, S. M., Dayton, O.
11:30 A. M.—Election of officers.
Resolutions.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.
12:00 M.—General meeting of the Catholic Educational Association in the
Auditorium of the Cathedral School.
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Auditorium of the Cathedral School.

PARISH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Cathedral School, Auditorium.

00 A. M.—Session. Papers and writers to be announced.

DEAF-MUTE CONFERENCE. 9:30 A. M.—Session.

9:30 A. M.—Session.

CONFERENCE OF SUPERIORS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.
9:30 A. M.—Conference and informal discussion. Very Rev. James A. Burns,
IL.D., President of Holy Cross College,
Washington, D. C., presiding.

SEMINARY DEPARTMENT.
Cathedral School.
9:30 A. M.—Paper: Subject and writer to
be announced.
Discussion. Business Session.
Report of Committee on Nominations.
Report of Committee on Resolutions.
Adjournment.

Adjournment.

1:00 A. M.—General meeting of Catholic Educational Association.

GENERAL MEETING.

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Cathedral School, Auditorium.
All members of the Association and its Departments, will assemble in the Auditorium for the closing meeting of the Association.
12:00 M.—Announcement of names of members of the General Executive Board for the comnig year.
Reading of the General Resolutions of the Association.
Addresses. Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment of the sixteenth annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association.
Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."
Thursday Afternoon, June 26.

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LOCAL TEACHERS' MEETING.
Cathedral School, Auditorium.
2:30 P. M.—Paper: Subject and writer
to be announced. Discussion.

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Hotel Headquarters.

100 P. M.—Meeting of the Executive Board of the Catholic Educational Association. All matters of importance are passed on by the Executive Board, and members are requested to notify the Secretary General of any business that they may wish to bring before the Board.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.
Hotel Headquarters.
4:00 P. M.—The Executive Committees of
the several departments will hold meetings at this hour to plan out the work
for the coming year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Anyone interested in the work of Cath-ic education can become a member of the association.

#### NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

The Nebraska legislature has passed a law prohibiting the study of any foreign language below the eighth grade.

Rev. Brother Elisian, F.S.C., has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his religious profession in St. Vincent's Industrial School, Utica, N. Y.

The Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada will hold a convention in Chicago on June 25, 26 and 27, at St. Francis Xavier Academy, 4928 Cottage Grove Ave.

Fire destroyed St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, Baltimore, Md., last May 15. The loss will approximate \$500,000. One city fireman was killed and 10 were injured.

Frances McGill, a student at St. Mary's Academy, Portland, Ore., was the winning contestant for the prize offered by the Portland Symphony Orchestra for the best essay on "The Value of Music in Everyday Life."

Officials of the Bureau of Education believe that Secretary Lane's goal of 5,000,000 enlistments for city and suburban home garden work directed by the U. S. School Garden Army will be reached long before the season is over.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites will meet on June 17th to consider the decree "De Tuto" for the canonization of Joan of Arc, after which it remains only for the Pope to name the day for the ceremony at St. Peter Basilica.

The pestilence commonly called the "flu" caused far greater loss of life in 1918 than war, according to the annual report of the New York Life Insurance company. This was made as a general statement without offering detailed figures on either sort of loss.

A Eucharistic Congress will convene at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind., on August 5, 6 and 7. Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Toledo, is Protector of the Priests' Eucharistic League of America, and chairman of all Eucharistic Congresses in the United States.

East St. Louis Catholic clergy have decided to have union commencement exercises for the ten Catholic schools of the city Sunday, June 22. There will be 160 eighth-grade graduates. Rt. Rev. Henry Althoff, D.D., Bishop of Belleville, will preside at the exercises.

Bishop Hayes, the prelate to be created Archbishop of New York, is the first native of New York City to receive the high honor. All his predecessors—Bishops of the early days Archbishops and Cardinals—were born in Ireland except the late Archbishop Corrigan, who was a native of New Jersey.

A competitive recital by pupils of the parochial school music class of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Milwaukee was held June 10 at Notre Dame convent. The contest aroused much enthusiasm among the pupils. The prizes were donated by the Notre Dame Alumnae association of the Northwest, under whose auspices the contest was held.

Notre Dame University will celebrate her seventy-fifth commencement on June 7th-9th. Her alumni were prevented by the war from attending last year's celebration, but this year there will no doubt be a large reunion of the old students. The University invites all her soldier alumni to come and enjoy with her the Victory commencement of 1919.

Statistics prepared by a Catholic insurance concern declared that fifty Catholic churches are totally destroyed by fire every year in the United States, and about 400 are damaged by fire and lightning. The table for 1918 shows 151 Catholic church fires were caused by lightning last year. Sixty-six schools were injured through the same cause.

At a recent meeting of the Chicago Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society, Rt. Rev. A. J. McGavick, told of the splendid work being done by the Big Brothers of the society. During the past year they had 4,759 boys in their care under the age of twenty-one years who came in conflict with the law and appeared in the courts. More than half of these were discharged as guiltless of any wrong.

Almost every missionary in the Philippines writes of the crying need of Catholic mission schools if the faith is to be preserved in the islands. "A school is our only salvation," writes Father Versey, "for our Church is attacked from every side. We have

"A school is our only salvation," writes Father Versey, "for our Church is attacked from every side. We have to defend ourselves against so-called neutral schools, Freemasonry, and anti-religious government, and most of all against the 'Sons of Luther,' who are leaving no stone unturned to destroy our work for the Filipino natives

Fifty Per cent Inefficient.

According to the annual report of the Executive Committee of the National Physical Education Service, Washington, D. C., fifty per cent of the 25,000,000 boys and girls of school age in this country have physical defects and ailments which impede their normal development.

fects and ailments which impede their normal development.

A lack of proper physical education, such as play, athletic work and gymnastics, was attributed by the committee as the cause for the physical disability, and a broad program of State and Federal legislation was urged as a means of bringing the chil' dren to the proper standard.

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#### **IUNE, 1919**

There is a practical way of showing one's interest in education and that is by visiting the schools and examining the pupils in the various branches of study. It keeps one in touch with the work being done; it encourages the teacher and it stimulates the efthe teacher and it stimulates the efforts of the pupils. Who is there among our priests and educated laymen who cannot give say a couple of hours a month to this praiseworthy work? The time thus spent will do more to promote educational efficiency and scholarship than time count cv and scholarship than time spent "talking and writing" on education, though the latter may also be necessary.

It is said that "the average teaching life of a teacher in the public schools is four years and a half." The Sister who teaches in the parochial schools has consecrated herself to the teaching profession for life. Figure for yourself which should do the better work.

Beginning with the September issue, subscribers to The Journal will receive their publication earlier than heretofore. Of course, all our read-ers know something about the handicaps publishing concerns have had to caps publishing concerns have had to contend with during the war and since. It was a period which tested the efficiency of every line of en-deavor. Now with the reconstruction period before us, we hope to place our business on a satisfactory basis. In our apostolate of the educational press we bespeak the continued cooperation of our patrons.

While the schools are closed our religious teachers are passing their va-cation in school conventions, in an-nual retreats, and all this in order to improve their efforts in the great work of Catholic education. Body, mind and soul are all stimulated and the great refreshed with the new and improved in education. Our Catholic teachers do not do this for vain honors or passing rewards, but for the glory of God, the good of their own soul and the best interest of our children. Our teachers are the greatest workers in the propagation of the

The object of our schools and teacheres is obvious. But alas, so many parents and children do not realize this. No importance is placed on rethis. No importance is placed on re-ligion if only the three R's are learned; the fourth R, Religion, is the last and least. Yet our Blessed Savior says, "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." "Seek first the kingdom of God." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

#### CLOISTER CHORDS.

Sister M. Fides Shepperson. Children.

God bless the children! in their good gladness, laughing thro' enigmatic evil, lies the hope of the world. In their eyes shine the lights that shall illumine the years that are yet to be; in their hearts old Time is per-

to be; in their hearts old I ime is perennially fresh and four and young.

The confiding glances of children call out the best that is in our hearts.

Not for worlds would we be found irresponsive to that plea, unfaithful to that trust. We will do what their hope in us impels us to do; we will

be what they believe us to be.

We will show them all our bird nests, even that of the brooding dove, for the sake of the thrills of gladness that they feel and we feel—when they see. We will lift up the burdock leaf and let them peep in at the two fledgling field sparrows fast asleep. We will show them the bunny holes unwill show them the bunny holes under the hedge, and the five baby field mice. We will point out the round hole in the tree-trunk made by the flicker; and perhaps—if they'll only keep still,—we can see the long beak, the red head, the gray throat with brown band of the mother flicker as the loads out from the decayed her she looks out from the door of her nest secure in the tree. Let winds rave, let storms rage, let owls flit by, and night hawks shrilly pass—the flickers are safe in the tree-trunk. The mourning dove, on low bare branch, exposed to all the dangers of the night, broods restfully even as the children gaze upon her, and in subdued tones, exult at her tender charm; and the great red orb in the west goes slowly down and sinks in its own down and sinks in its own splendor. 2

Of course, all is well with the world! Where beauty is, there God is: for beauty is the phenomena of goodness; and goodness-in-itself is God. And every form of life is beautiful: of all the myriad million mani-festations of sentient life, not one is without charm. No blade of grass, no leaf, no flower, no fruit, no shrub, no tree—is devoid of beauty.

Why of course God is love! and his tender pity is over all the works of his hands as he leads all lovingly thro' life by death to higher life—in fulfilment of His Plan. But his smile of blessing lingers kindliest and most indulgently on the birds in their nests as the sun goes down, and the sacred wonder at the good glad mystery of life and of death wakes in the hearts of the children.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

(Continued from page 106) the size of his necktie, and the place of his bed are regulated and deter-mined for him. He lives a life where the will has no meaning, and where thought and initiative are not only not demanded but suppressed. He is a nearer approach to an animate tool acting under response to external stimuli than any other human contrivance

The martinet of the classroom, the self-styled teacher who boasts that his pupils dare not wink without permission, might well question the wisdom of this emasculating sort of discipline. Let him ask himself if his pupils are given a reasonable amount of liberty to get into trouble. Let him ask himself if he is making men of his pupils by thus tying them to his apron strings. Let him read his Testament once more, let him ponder the history of the world once more, let him look into his own heart once more; and then let him ask himself if the martinet's way is God's

"SIMPLIFIED" SPELLING. The Simplified Spelling Board has sued Part I of a "Handbook of implified Spelling," with the anissued Simplified Spelling," with the announcement that Part II will appear in July and Part III in October of the present year, bound volumes in paper and cloth to be ready for delivery in December. The separate parts will be sent free on application by mail to the Simplified Spelling Board, I Madison Avenue, New York; a small charge will be made for the complete volume, to cover the cost of binding and mailing.

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Some people will adopt these fantastic forms, but it is unlikely that

tastic forms, but it is unlikely that they will command the approval of the great American writing public.

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Three Foolish Bears. By Rev. James Senior, Lamar, Missouri.



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Three Bears lived in a hollow ree—Papa Bear, Mamma Bear, Baby Bear. Upstairs in the same tree lived Mr. Squirrel, very friendly with the Three Bears,

Merry and nimble, Light-hearted and gray

Light-hearted and gray,
Blithe the live-long day.
One day, Papa Bear, Mamma
Bear, and Baby Bear all went
out for a walk. When they returned and went up near the
door of their house, Papa Bear
saw a branch, which had blown
off the tree lying on the ground off the tree, lying on the ground near the door of their house. Papa Bear began to think,

"Suppose a hard wind should come up and blow, and blow that branch right across the door of our house! If we were inside we couldn't get out, and if we were outside we couldn't get in! Oh, how terrible that would be!"

And Papa Bear sat down and began to cry!

"What is the matter? Are you ill?" asked Mamma Bear.

"Just look at that branch off the tree!" said Papa Bear.

"Suppose a hard wind should come up and blow, and blow that branch right across the door of our house! If we were inside we couldn't get out, and if we were outside we couldn't get in! Oh how terrible that would be.

"Dear Me, it would be awful!" said Mamma Bear, and Mamma Bear began to cry.

Baby Bear came running up and saw them both crying.

"Oh, deer! What're you both crying for?" whimpered Baby Bear.

"Look at that branch off the tree!" said Mamma Bear, "Suppose a hard wind should come up and blow, and blow that branch right across the door of our house! If we were inside we couldn't get out, and if we were outside we couldn't get in! Oh, how terrible that would be!"

"Oh dear! oh dear!" cried Baby Bear; and Baby Bear began to cry.

began to cry.

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Mr. Squirrel came along and looked at them, akimbo,

and said: "What makes you all cry so hard?"
"Oh!" said Papa Bear," just look at that branch off the
tree! Suppose a hard wind should come up and blow and blow, and blow that branch right across the door of our house! If we were inside we couldn't get out, and if we were outside we couldn't get in! Oh, how terrible that would be!"

And they all wept together in mournful chorus. And they all wept together in mournful chorus. But Mr. Squirrel, he laughed and laughed and laughed. "Why," says he, "Bears! why doesn't some one of you take the branch in your mouth and carry it away off! where it can't blow across the door of your house?" "Why, we never thought about that!" said the Bears. And Papa Bear took the branch in his mouth and carried it away off where it couldn't blow across the door of their bayes.

of their house.

"Well! well!" said Mr. Squirrel, "I never saw three such foolish animals as you are! I don't believe I'll live upstairs in your tree any more just now; but I will go on a journey, and if I find three animals more foolish than you are, then I'll come back and live upstairs in your tree

And Papa Bear, Mamma Bear, and Baby Bear began to cry, because Mr. Squirrel wouldn't live upstairs in their tree any more, just now!
The mournful three!

amentation company!

Did you ever hear such a doleful story?

Now it was the fall of the year, and the leaves came down in hosts, bright yellow, red and orange, and Mr. Squirrel went along over the soft leaves which had fallen, a-hopping and a-skipping and a-jumping and a-laughing to himself all along the way.

And all at once he saw a Turtle trying to get over a him high stone right in the middle of the road. Now the

big high stone right in the middle of the road. Now the

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stone was very high, and very broad at the top, and not at all wide at the bottom.

"What are you trying to do?" asked Mr. Squirrel.

"Why," said Mr. Turtle, "I am going to see my friend, Mr. Snapping Turtle, and this stone is right in my way; and I can't get over it!"

"Well, well!" said Mr. Squirrel, a-laughing and a-laughing and a-laughing to himself. "Why don't you go around it?"

"Why, I never thought about that!" said Mr. Turtle. "Thank you!"

And he went around the stone, and went merrily along his way to visit his friend, Mr. Snapping Turtle. Foolish Animal number one.

And Mr. Squirrel went along, a-hopping, and a-skipping and a-jumping and a-laughing to himself all along the

Very soon he came to an ANCIENT RABBIT standing on his hind feet, looking up at the sky and holding his mouth wide open.

"What are you doing, Ancient Rabbit?" asked Mr.

Squirrel.
"Why," said Ancient Rabbit, "I am so thirsty, and 1

"Why," said Ancient Rabbit, "I am so thirsty, and I have been sitting here all day long, waiting for some rain to fall into my mouth, so that I can have a drink."

"Well, well!" said Mr. Squirrel, and he laughed and laughed and laughed. "Why don't you go over to the brook behind you and take a drink?"

"Dear me!" said Ancient Rabbit," so I can. I never shought about that!" And he said, "Thank you!" and

went cheerily down to the brook and enjoyed a nice cool

Foolish Animal number two. And Mr. Squirrel went down to the brook, for he was thirsty, too, and took a nice cool drink.

After which he went on, a-hopping and a-skipping and a-jumping and a-laughing to himself all along the way; and all at once he came upon a wild plum-tree, all covered

with fine ripe plums.

BIG BEAR was sitting under the plum-tree, just looking at one fine ripe plum away up near the top of the tree. Now all the ground was covered with fine ripe plums.

"Dear me!" said Mr. Squirrel, "what are you doing?"
"Oh," said Big Bear, "I am so hungry, and that plum I am looking at won't fall down, so I cant eat it.
"Well, well!" said Mr. Squirrel, a-laughing and a-laughing and a-laughing to himself. "Why don't you eat some

of those nice plums all a-lying near by on the ground?"
"Dear me!" said Big Bear, "I never thought about that!

Thank you!"
And Big Bear fell to, and made a fine meal of delicious

plums all a-lying on the ground near by.

Foolish Animal number three.

And you know, Mr. Squirrel had come a-hopping and a-skipping and a-jumping and a-laughing to himself a long way—a long way, and he was quite hungry, too; so he fell to and made a fine meal of delicious plums all a-lying

on the ground near by.

So Mr. Squirrel had found three animals more foolish than the three foolish Bears at home.

VIII

So he turned around and faced toward home, and went a-hopping and a-skipping and a-jumping and a-laughing to himself all along the way.

And when Papa Bear, Mamma Bear and Baby Bear saw him coming, they all left off crying and ran out to meet him; and they all lived together in the same tree, some instairs and some downstairs as happy as ever four upstairs and some downstairs, as happy as ever Animals—and three of them Foolish Ones—could be. THE END.

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I have before me the prospectus of a "New Method" of Child Training, evolved by Prof. Ray C. Beery, A. B. (Columbia), M. A. (Harvard), now president of the International Academy of Discipline, Pleasant Hill, Ohio. The work, of which this is the advertisement, claims the endorsement of many educators, and is recommended "The Parents Association' whatever it is—having its head-quarters at 449 Fourth avenue, New York. A work so spon-New York. A work so spon-sored is entitled to some consideration.

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modest about his method. He says it is one "which every parent should employ," one by which children "may be trained to the highest type of manhood and womanhood," and "which will be a source of pleasure and happiness to you (the parent) all the rest of your days." "And I not only know that your children will be worthy citizens after they have grown up, but that these years in which they are growing will be the happiest years of your life." The method will "insure" the kind of man or woman you desire your child to be.

In order to secure the interest of parents in his method he makes them responsible for whatever their children

he makes them responsible for whatever their children do. If a boy of twelve tells a lie his parents are guilty, not he. For, if he had been properly trained he would not lie. Still the professor is rather merciful with parents, since nothing hitherto published gave them control of the situation. But, now that this method is within their reach, there must be no more shirking responsibility. He will give practical directions for the treatment of every hely great or had in convenient on the situation. every habit, good or bad, in any child of any age.

Having aroused parents to a sense of duty in the matraving aroused parents to a sense of duty in the matter he gives them all manner of hope. His method is "sure of good results" and for these you don't have to wait long; "they are immediate." "Teach your child obedience correctly and it will be sure to obey." The earlier you begin the better, but he has a remedy that will cure disobedience at almost any age, and once cured, the child stays cured.

stays cured.

The Parents' Association, in recommending the method, begin with the broad statement that "Character is not born, but builded." I wonder what the eugenists would say to this. It is not so many moons since the air was full of demands that only the fit should be allowed to share in the continuance of the race. The "new system" takes the child at two and resolves to make an ideal man or woman out of it. Its character is builded, its future assured by "applying principles founded on a scientific study of human nature, going at it in such a way as to get immediate results, without friction." We see, then, that the Professor and The Parents' Association promise infallible and immediate results. There is no danger of failure, if the proper methods are applied. The system acts as a charm. Indeed the process works so beautifully acts as a charm. Indeed the process works so beautifully and so inerringly that child-training becomes a veritable pleasure. Some one may ask where is there room for the

pleasure. Some one may ask where is there room for the child's freedom of will in the premises.

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Washington, D. C.
National Safety Council—Albert W. Whitney, New York City.
Boy Scouts—Frank Thompson, Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass. Jeoffrey Morgan, Superintendent of Schools, Athens, Ohio.

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#### MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 30

Addresses of Welcome

s Annie Webb Blanton, State Superintendent of Public Schools, Austin, Texas.

#### TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 1

The New World and the Demand That It Will Make Upon Public Education

A representative of organized labor.

A representative of manufacturers.
A representative of manufacturers.
A representative of commercial interests.
A representative of agricultural interests—Henry J. Waters,
Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.

#### TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 1

The Organization of Public Education for Service in the New Democracy al Education-

mocracy
Rural Education—Lee L. Driver, County Superintendent of
Schools, Winchester, Ind.
Elementary Education—Miss T. C. Gecks, Supervisor Primary
Dept., St. Louis, Mo.
Secondary Education—Dr. John L. Tildsley, Associate Superin-

tendent of Schools, New York City. her Education—E. C. Elliott, Chancellor University of Mon-Higher Education—E. C

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 2

The Work of the Association

Principles Underlying the Necessary Organization of the Asso-ciation—Dr. William B. Owen, Chicago Normal School, Chicago, Ill.

cago, III.

Work of the Committee on the Revision of Elementary Education—Mrs. Margaret S. McNaught, Assistant Commissioner for Elementary Education, Sacramento, Cal.

Work of the Commission on the Emergency in Education—Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, State Superintendent of Public

Schools, Denver, Colo.

The Work of the Field Secretary—Hugh S. Magill, Field Secretary of the National Education Association.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 2

Education for the Establishment of a Democracy in the World The United States—P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

France—Prof. Albert Feuillerat, Head of Department of English, University of Rennes, Rennes, France. England—Right Honorable Herbert Lewis, M. P., Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Education, London, England.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 3

The Contribution of Teachers to Development of Democracy Kindergarten-Miss Alma L. Binzel, Minneapolis, Minn. Rural Schools-Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey, Porter Rural School, Kirksville, Mo.

Secondary Schools—
Secondary Schools—Miss Essie V. Hathaway, Des Moines, Iowa.
Higher Education—Dr. Guy Stanton Ford, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

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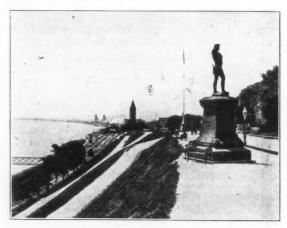
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Cora Wilson Stewart, President, Kentucky Illiteracy Commis-

sion, Frankfort, Ky.

Equalization of Educational Opportunity
H. C. Morrison, Assistant Secretary, State Board of Education,
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And when the convention is ended, Wisconsin, the playground of America, with its wonderful resort country, is at Milwaukee's doors, ready to give the teacher a glorious vacation in the heart of the great outdoors. Or, if the teacher desires, there are ten state normal schools and the state university, all with summer schools, and varied courses of instruction for the teacher who wants to do some professional work during the summer months.

Milwaukee, with its great manufacturing interests, its wonderful variety of amusement possibilities, as the setting for the most important convention in the history of the association, proposes to make itself remembered for a horn-of-plenty of delightful memories to every teacher who comes to the biggest convention to be held in any American city this year.

#### Outing Possibilities in Wisconsin

After the convention is ended, the state adjacent to Milwaukee offers the finest outing possibilities that can be found in America, for varied types of country, ranging all the way from the summer cottage of Mrs. P. A. Valentine of Chicago, an estate worth millions, and so maintained, to the humble cottage on the northern lakes, where there is fishing, boating, canoeing, or just out-of-doors to sit and rest and look at the water in some of the state's beautiful lakes.

the state's beautiful lakes. Within twenty minutes 'ride from the City Hall are more than forty inland lakes with adequate resort facilities. This is in the famous Waukesha County region, with its dozens of great lakes, surrounded not only by the estates of the multimillionaires of the west but by the homes of the average business man, and there are three hotels in Waukesha which will offer to allow the visitor to come to Milwaukee to the convention in the morning. Even so, an hour from the city by electric, Waukesha offers a chance for the teacher who wants the social side of resort life, rather than the rough-and-ready hunting and fishing enthusiasts.

For the great summer resort region too much cannot be said. The Dells of the Wisconsin at Kilbourn form a scenic wonder. The Manitowish, that paradise of trout and "musky," offers relaxation for the teacher who wants to hide away from a classroom desk, by going to the wilderness for a month. Vilas County alone has 1,700

But these are only some of the reasons why a teacher should come to Milwaukee for the convention, and then remain in the state for the balance of the vacation. At Eagle River, for instance, there are thirty lakes which can be reached by motorboat.

Wisconsin resorts are not for men alone, either. They are open to women, who actually form the largest proportion of the summer population of even those wildest sections of the state.

Think of the delight of sleep in a finely furnished cabin on a lake and then of going to breakfast in a dining room whose walls are of white birch bark, in sheets many feet wide, paneled by strips of dark cedar bark.

And to consider the program itself, it must not be forgotten that this convention marks a new era in education. It marks the transition from war to peace. The war took all educational theories and tried them by fire. Some stood the test of war, others did not. The convention will devote a major part of its program to these phases of the needs of American schools, the development of such phases of educational work as making the wounded soldier a worker in a new field, of teaching those who lost their sight fighting the Hun to use the other senses and become valuable members of society.

All of these and similar educational problems will take up the time of the main convention, while similar discussions will feature the departmental sessions also.

Yet it must not be forgotten that this is first of all a convention for the average teacher, not only for the highest trained specialist, but for the teacher in the small high school and the graded school as well.

The teacher, with a state of six thousand lakes at the door of her rooming house in Milwaukee, does not have to hunt up her own trips into the state, but will be given a week of entertainment in and around the city if the school ma'am or schoolmaster so desires. Milwaukee is the greatest industrial city in America, in its varied types of industry. It is the greatest machinery-building and the greatest tannery city in the world. It is the home of some of the world's biggest hosiery plants. Its steel production is surpassed only by Pittsburgh, Sixty per cent of all the machinery which dug the Panama Canal came from Milwaukee plants. Beer is only a minor item of the city's industrial life, great as is that industry, or rather was, before the day of "the big thirst" was set for July 1.

#### Side Trips and Excursions

The entertainment committee is planning a great chain of side trips and excursions for those who have an idle afternoon during the convention week. There is being arranged, for instance, a series of excursions on chartered electric cars to the city's biggest industrial establishments, such as the great Allis-Chalmers with its many thousands of employes, and in all of these plants are reception committees to show the visitors thru.

Milwaukee was the first city in America to establish trade schools in connection with its public school system. It is a leader in the plan of using school grounds and buildings for civic and social centers. Its new high schools are models of school architecture.

Just as the entertainment committee is preparing probably two trips to the industrial districts of the city, with some ten or fifteen industrial trips on the program, so is another subcommittee preparing for two days, probably, of excursions on chartered cars to the city's typical schools.

#### Fourth of July Entertainment

But one phase of the city's entertainment program is the most unique exhibition that thousands of the city's teacher-guests will ever see. This is the Sane Fourth celebration, set for Friday of convention week. It is strictly a school celebration, and Milwaukee was among the first cities to devise a real sane fourth celebration.

This year the celebration will be a Victory celebration. Ten thousand dollars has been appropriated by the city for the holding of a victory pageant, or rather, for a group of pageants, as every one of the city's ten parks will have its own pageant of the nations for its main Independence Day celebration.

The forenoon will see a great parade of the city's school children, the children by schools, marching to the center of the city, parading, and then returning on the radiating lines to the distant parks, until there is a school celebration in each park. The pageant will be given in duplicate in every one of these parks, and the N. E. A. convention committee determined that this would be the most unique feature that could be offered for convention week, to make Milwaukee's Sane Fourth celebration of school children a demonstration of what organization among public school pupils means. In other words, ten thousand dollars will be spent to give the visiting teachers one single day of entertainment.

#### The Convention Hall

The convention hall where the convention's main sessions will be held is the biggest place in America under one open roof. The main hall will seat nearly 8,000 persons, and the accoustics are perfect.

The smaller side halls, half a dozen in number, will be used for departmental sessions, and the church halls in the downtown district, and other gathering places, such as the clubrooms in hotels, and the city's clubs, will be available for other meetings for the discussion of specialists.

Music will feature the convention in a new form—that of the community song leader and a singing audience. Every session will be opened by an orchestra from a Milwaukee school, often those of young children, while the city's best known community song leaders, as well as notables in this work from other cities, will direct the singing of the entire audience.

#### Hotels and Lodging

How will Milwaukee's thousand of teacher-guests find homes for their stay in the city?

This was one of the first problems placed before the Milwaukee arrangements committees. Other cities in times past have been so crowded that teachers visiting the convention cities were put to the greatest inconvenience in finding rooms. Milwaukee has a hotel capacity only exceeded by six American cities, and equalled by none of her size. This provides quarters for some 5,000 teachers. The Milwaukee Association of Commerce has also, with its great convention crowd, expanded its housing facilities for visitors by preparing what is known as a room reserve, giving rooms in licensed boarding houses, these rooms being also inspected and approved by the representatives of the Association of Commerce.

# SUGGESTIONS FOR MORNING EXERCISES

#### Catherine L. McGowan

The great amount of good derived from the "Five Minute Talks" is not realized by the majority of teachers. What habits of "Politeness," "Kindness," "Cheerfulness," "Truthfulness," "Courtesy," "Duty," and "Self Control" may be inculcated in the minds of our children in that five-minute period for ten months of the year!

In my school I have worked out the following plan-

a thought for each month:
September—"Politeness"
October—"Kindness"
November—"Truthfulness"
December—"Cheerfulness"
January—"Courtesy"
February—"Duty"
March—"Work"
April—"Self Control"
May—"Obedience"
June—"Perseverance"

My method of procedure is as follows: A conversation lesson to begin with, asking the children what they mean by "Politeness." Such answers as to say "if you please" when you want something; to say "thank you" when some one gives you something; to say "excuse me" when you pass in front of a person. All children know these little mannerisms. Now proceed from the known to the unknown. It is polite to say "Good Morning" when entering the school in the morning; to say "Good Evening" when leaving; not to speak when some one else is speaking, and so on. Then I teach the following poem:

A Bunch of Golden Keys

A bunch of golden keys is mine, To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good Morning," that's the golden key, That unlocks every door for me.

When evening comes "Good Night" I say, And close the doors of each glad day.

When at the table "If you please" I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me, I use the little "Thank you" key.

"Excuse me"; "Beg your pardon too" When by mistake some harm I do.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind. This is the motto: "Be ye kind."

I'll often use each golden key, And so a happy child I'll be.

#### October-Kindness

Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots; Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruits.

November—Truthfulness

Speak the truth and speak it ever, Cost it what it will; He who hides the wrong he did Does the wrong thing still.

#### December-Cheerfulness

There is a little maiden
Who is she, do you know?
Who always has a welcome
Wherever she may go.

Her face is like the May time, Her voice is like the birds; The sweetest of all music Is in her pleasant words. Each spot she makes the brighter, As if she were the sun, And she is sought and cherished And loved by everyone.

By old folks and by children, By lofty and by low; Who is this little maiden, Does anybody know?

You surely must have met her, You certainly can guess. What? Must I introduce her? Her name is "Cheerfulness."

# MORNING TALKS ON THRIFT AND SAVING

In the Bulletin issued by the United States Bureau of Education giving an outline of a course of study in Thrift for elementary schools there are some practical suggestions for direct instruction on the subject in the form of morning talks as a morning exercise. The outline makes the following suggestion of topics for talks by the teacher. These topics are suggested for the various grades, but a teacher of a mixed or ungraded school can easily select those topics appropriate for the whole school:

#### Grades I and II

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Salvaging of clothes and paper for charitable purposes. Saving of time by orderly methods at home and in school. Morning inspection for cleanliness; care of hair, teeth, hands, and nails.

#### Grade IV

A principle of thrift—learning how to keep healthy. Good and poor ways of spending money. Earning, saving a share in home projects. Difference between thrift and stinginess.

#### Grade V

A principle of thrift—learning how to work efficiently. Meaning of economy—wise use of time and recreation; work and sleep in right proportions. Formation of correct habits; good habits of study. What children have done that shows the value of thrift.

#### Grade VI

A principle of thrift—learning how to save time, energy, money, and material. Meaning of providence. Vocational guidance; opportunities in various gainful occupations. What is required to be successful in each of the fundamental occupations.

#### Grade VII

A principle of thrift—learning how to spend wisely. Meaing of frugality. Wise spending. Habit as a great time and labor-saving device. Education as a means of increasing income and of multiplying opportunity. Doing one's share of the world's work.

#### Grade VIII

A principle of thrift—learning how to invest money intelligently. Meaning of parsimony. American extravagance; nation's bill of luxuries; comparison with European countries. Principle of goods and services. Advantages of cash buying. Salvaging useful articles Fire prevention.

Teachers wishing to give instruction in thrift, correlating it with other studies in the school, will find the outline course prepared by the United States Bureau of Education a very helpful and suggestive pamphlet.

# LITTLE STORIES FOR ORAL AND WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Carrie R. Starkey, Milwaukee, Wis.

#### IN SLEEPY TOWN

Did you ever take a peek at Sleepy Town? It is a nice little town, all quiet and green. The flowers nod a soit "good night" and the twilight shadows play peek-aboo with the rustling leaves. Little children leave their play and creep into mother's lap. When no one is looking the Sandman comes along and sprinkles the white sand in the eyes of the children as they are rocked in the cradle of mother's arms. Then the stars come peeping out and the moon goes creeping by. Very, very slowly creeps Mister Moon, for he likes to look down on the happy scenes of Sleepy Town. The Fairy Queen, who has been hiding all day in the garden, comes out and stretches her golden wings. She waves her fairy wand and the little elfs and fairies come out of the flowers and chase each other about the garden. Fire Flies flit about, giving a light for the fairies to dance by, and the June bugs and the bumble bees play a tune for the fairy dancing. When they are thirsty, the dewdrops give them a drink and the flowers feed them with their sweet juices.

The oriole is rocking her babies in the swinging nest just above the blackberry bush. The little robins are asleep under mother's wing; the wrens are in their little house nailed fast to the willow tree. The martins have said good-night to all the neighborhood, and each is snug in his little bed. All the while, the stars wink down on the scenes of Sleepy Town. Mister Moon goes creeping by, glad to see the children lie in their beds of softest down as they rest in Sleepy Town.

#### DID YOU EVER MEET DR. BUTTERFLY?

Goldie Locks was chasing the butterflies all over the lawn. There were hundreds of them—big ones and little ones, dark ones and light ones—and they led Goldie Locks a merry chase thru the garden and over the lawn, and not one could she catch. Tired and breathless, she dropped on the grass beneath the shade of the big rose-bush.

"I think you are real mean," she said to a big golden butterfly that rested upon the branches of the rose-bush. "Why will you not let me catch you?" The butterfly gave a soft, light laugh that sounded like the murmuring of the south wind. "I cannot stay long in one place," said the butterfly. "If I do, I disobey the Queen, and butterflies are never, never naughty. see the Queen finds plenty for us to do. She orders us to keep flying about, gathering the sweet juices from the flowers in this garden and carrying them to the flowers that are dry. When the seed pods are ripe and beginning to crack open, we carry the seeds from this garden to the garden far away where they have no such pretty We carry messages from the flowers, and when we have nothing else to do we coax little boys and girls to come out and chase us, that they may have rosy cheeks and find health and happiness in the garden. So keep chasing, little Goldie Locks, and you will get well and strong, but you will never catch me," and away he flew. Goldie Locks rubbed her eyes and looked after the golden butterfly. "He talked just like a doctor," she said, drowsily. "I wonder if he is a butterfly docshe said, drowsily.

#### A NEW DRESS SPOILED HER FUN

Little Nell would wear her new white dress when she was going to spend the day in the country. She had a new white dress that mother had made for Children's Day—a dainty white dress, all trimmed with fine laces and ribbons. Altho mother told her not to wear her pretty white dress, Nell put it on and went into the country. Her little cousins, who wore calico dresses, thought their city cousin was very beautiful. They admired her pretty dress, her laces and her ribbons, and Nell was very happy.

Soon the children went to gather wild strawberries. Nell could not go for fear she would get her dress dirty, so she stayed by the fence while her little cousins in the calico growns picked the strawberries.

Then the children began chasing butterflies, but Nell was afraid of tearing her gown, so she sat in the hammock while the other children caught the butterflies.

Aunt Belle told the children they might hunt eggs and take them to the store and exchange them for candy. Nell could not go into the coops or under the haystacks, for she would surely spoil her pretty dress.

When Cousin Ben came home to supper, he proposed to give the children a boat ride on the near-by lake, but Aunt Belle would not let them go for fear Nell would get her pretty dress wet. Nell went home that night a sad little girl.

"Mother," she said, "I'll never disobey you again. I know now that you know best. My pretty dress just spoiled all my fun."

When she went to Aunt Belle's again, Nell wore a calico dress.

#### A BATTLE ON A FIELD OF GOLD

The man who lived on the hill had gone to war to fight for his country, and his beautiful lawn that he always kept well cut and watered was growing tall and needed cutting. The naughty Dandelions in the nearby field saw the tall grass, and they said to one another, "Let us go over into that lawn and hide in the tall grass where the lawn mower cannot find us." waited until the warm breezes came from the south, and away they went on the wings of a bright May morning and dropped into the tall grass. Soon they took root, and before they knew it were poking their heads up above the tall grass. No one disturbed them and they grew very bold. They sent word by the Butterflies to tell all their relatives to come and make their home in the beautiful lawn on the hillside. New ones came every night, and every morning there were more yellow faces smiling up thru the green grass.

When the man came home from the war, his beautiful lawn looked like a field of gold, and the naughty Dandelions just nodded their heads and laughed when they saw how astonished he was.

"Well, well," said the man, "I have just finished one battle, and now I see I have another battle to fight right here in my own dooryard." Before the sun was up the next morning the man on the hill was out with his lawn mower and the naughty Dandelions wished they had stayed in the field.

#### IT TOOK A BIG BIRD TO SCARE JIM CROW

Jim Crow was strolling about the green meadow when little Bunny came running in from the road, all covered with dust and panting for breath. He was nearly exhausted, and when he reached the door of his house near the old oak tree, he dropped to the grass completely exhausted. Jim Crow knew what was the matter, for he had been watching Bunny make the race for his life down the dusty road. Bunny had been peacefully nibbling in Farmer Brown's cabbage patch when a great black automobile came tearing down the road. If Bunny had just stayed in the cabbage patch, he would have been all right. But he knew he was stealing Farmer Brown's cabbages, and he thought the automobile was after him, so into the road he scampered, and then he had to run like the wind to keep from being run down by the big black machine. No wonder the little fellow was tired when he reached his home by the old oak tree.

Jim Crow watched the race with a great deal of interest, and when Bunny reached his own home Jim Crow strolled over the meadow to Bunny's house, and (Continued on page 122)

# MANNERS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW

Martha Persis Smith, Kansas City, Mo.

#### IN PUBLIC

People can see you; don't let them hear you When in public places you go. How you behave and the manners you have Are a measure of what you know.

Pert, loud or coarse actions never will win you A regard, from any one fine. He will say with a sober shake of the head, "I'm glad those children are not mine."

At concert or play you are in a place Where people should hear and see; If you chatter or laugh when the action's on, A nuisance you'll surely be.

In a well-filled car it is hardly the thing To speak in a tone that's loud; What concerns you, your family or friends, Is not for the ears of a crowd.

#### BE ON TIME!

At the bell's ringing, At the clock's chime, If you are to be there. Be on time.



Be on Time

Classes and clubs For you cannot wait, You are the loser Whenever you're late. At the bell's ringing, At the clock's chime, If you're to be there, Be on time. At school or at church. At the play or your game, Wherever you go, The rule is the same. At the bell's ringing, At the clock's chime, If you're to be there, Be on time. Always on time, More valued you'll be. Your friends will be happy, Your prompt face to see. At the bell's ringing,

At the clock's chime, If you are to be there, Be on time.

#### "BE ON TIME" Scene

(A classroom. Clock in evidence. Time 9:05. Fifteen

or twenty children having a reading lesson.)
Teacher: "We will read 'In Public' from 'Manners Every Child Should Know.' Jack may read.'

(Jack reads one stanza.) "Now Elsa." (Elsa read (Elsa reads the second and so on thru

the selection.)

Teacher: "Next we"— (She is interrupted by door opening softly and a small, sheepish-looking boy tries to slide in, while children smile. He stops just inside. Teacher rises and speaks privately to the tardy one.)

(Children recite the selection "Be On Time," pointing reproving fingers at the boy with the words "Be on time." At the end boy stands beside the clock with a downcast

expression upon his face.) \*Curtain. SEE YOURSELF

"To see oursel's as ithers see us," Wrote shrewd Bobby Burns in a rhyme. To see ourselves as others see us Would do us good many a time.

See yourself as your mother sees you, With her fond love gilding the view; To ever be true to half she believes you, Will give you a plenty to do.

See yourself as your teachers see you, And now you are down to "brass tacks." Of all your virtues they may not be sure, But they know what your character lacks. See yourself as your comrades see you! And here once again, can you boast? Some one has asked in a meaningful way, "Do those you know best, love you most?"

#### LITTLE STORIES

(Continued from page 121) then he did a very cruel thing-he laughed. "I'm glad I am not a poor, weak little animal like you," he said. "There are so many things to frighten animals, while we birds of the air are safe. No automobiles, cats or dogs can frighten us. We just fly into the air, where there is nothing to disturb us, and when we want to rest our wings we light on a tall tree, where nothing can reach us." And just to show how smart he was, Jim Crow flew to the topmost bough of the old oak tree and called "Caw, Caw, Caw" to all the passing birds.

As he called, he got a funny answer to his call, one he had never heard before. Nearer and nearer came the sound, and soon a monstrous bird came in sight, a bird so big that a hundred crows could have rested on its wings. It dipped and soared and turned somersaults, and made the awfullest noise that was ever heard in Birdland. All the animals in the green meadow ran to their holes, shivering with fear, and the birds of the air were frightened almost to death. They flew high and they flew low, screeching and screaming, but the big bird seemed to be always after them. Jim Crow was so frightened that he nearly fell off his perch on the oak tree. When the big thing landed right in the middle of the green meadow there was not a bird or beast brave enough to go and see what it was. From out of this big bird stepped a man, and Bunny heard Farmer Brown call the thing an aeroplane. There was no hap-piness in the green meadow until the big bird flew away, and Jim Crow never boasted of the safety of the air again.

# PICTURE STUDY

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# RUSTIC LIFE IN FRANCE

HAYMAKER'S REST, BY JULIEN DUPRE

June time is nature's month of glories. Nature seems to beckon mankind to come out into the sunshine, to hold communion with her friends-the birds, flowers, and trees; to enjoy the June fragrance of ripening grains and blossoming grasses. Nature's glories are manifold. One's enjoyment is manifested in her symphony of riotous color-yellow-green fields of quavering grasses, reddish-brown waves of ripened grain heads, patches of yellow and white, glimmering tones of vermilion-colored flowers of the fields, and deeper tones of violet that add their shadowy values to the brighter notes of color. One listens to the harmony of sound-the humming of bees, the songs of the breeze-stirred grasses, the rustling of leaves and the calling of birds. One sees and listens, and enjoys all nature in the month of June.

For children, June holds treasures that are for all to find under blue expanse of sky, along yellowed paths where tiny feet may wander out into God's open coun-The farmer folk are at work in the hay fields; what they have to do and how they do their tasks is of varied interest to children. It is with an appreciation of all growing things, of nature's gifts of the soil and man's part in the caring for and the gathering in of the treasures of the earth that I bid the boys and girls to go with the artist Dupré into his country, among his people and to see thru Dupré the work in the fields.

Dupré has given to us a story of his people in the hay fields of his country.

# Where Is the Country in Which Dupré lived and Painted?

To go to Dupré's country we must first go by train across many states in America and then by big boats across deep, blue-green waters into the country of France. It was to France that many of our brothers and fathers went not so many months ago to help the people of that land, who were being warred against. The country loved by Dupré was not then at war, and it is in a year of restful work and peaceful life that Dupré would have the boys and girls of America know his

The life in a big city is very different from that in the country.

Will Dupré Take Us to a City? Does His Story-Picture Tell Us of the City?

Dupré was born and lived many years in a large city in France called Paris, but it is not of Paris that Dupré tells his story. Let us go trustingly with the artist along the white ribbon of road that leads away from the city of noisy factories and busy shops, away from the crowded city into the country. The road along which Dupré city into the country. wanders passes thru villages that lie nestled near wind-ing rivers and wooded hills. The villages in France are like our small rural towns in our own country, which seem to be so many stepping-stones from one large city to another. In France the villages are very far apart, and the roadway grows more lonely as it stretches on and away from the city and thru the villages. are not many people to pass us on our way, but there are the singing birds as we near their haunts, and butterflies that glimmer in the sun as they hover over the wild flowers, the daisies, sweet clover, thistles, poppies and sage.

Far away from a village, half hidden in the depth of the woods, Dupré knows of a farm where meadow lands are being cared for by the country folk. The picture, "Haymakers at Rest," tells of just such a meadow.

A VISIT WITH DUPRE, A PAINTER OF What Is This Meadow of Dupré's and What Has Been Planted There?

> The meadow lands in France are the low, flat stretches of ground, hedged in by rows of privet hedge and hawthorne bushes. The meadows lie along the river side, where tall, ragged poplars grow and willows intertwine their slender branches. The ground has been cared for by the men on the farm. In the early months of spring the meadowland is cleared, drained and irrigated, in order that its new growth of grass may be plentiful. The farmer, with a coarse bag of carefully selected seed hanging from his shoulder, walks the length of the field, scattering the new seed that he carries in his bag.

> The seed that has been sowed by the farmer and made to grow under the influence of April rains and May sunshine forms over the earth of the field a dense covering of sweet scented grasses. It is in the latter part of the month of June that these grasses have reached their full growth and are in full bloom.

> What Are These Grasses That Are Grown by the Farmers in France, and Why Have They Been Cared for by Man?

Dupré pictured a havmaker in a field of grass that had ripened and had been made into hay. This meadow of ripened grass, rich in herbage, is the growth from the seeds that were planted by the farmer. In the meadow are to be found numerous grasses with slender stems, bearing sea-green heads of bloom-the fescue and fléole grasses, the melica grass with long, bearded heads drooping, and fragrant wild oats. These are the grasses which, when in their fullest growth, are mowed, cured, and stored away in great barns, to be used as fodder for horses and cattle. The French farmer believes that "He who says meadow says hay, and whoever says hay says everything," and indeed without hay there would be for him no sturdy horses or stout cattle.

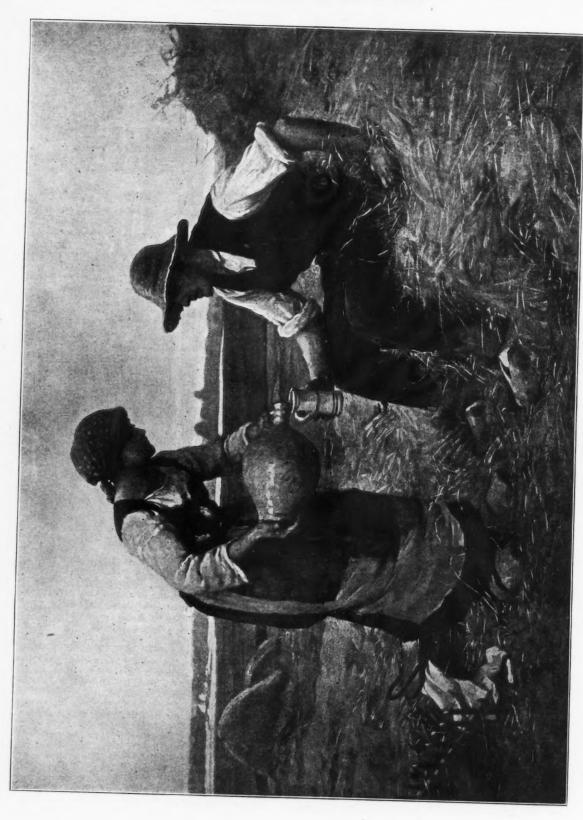
In June-time, just before the meadow grass is cut, the fields of golden color, of varying, ever-changing hues of green and violet are very pretty to see. The sun rays, dancing over the field, make of the waving grasses and the scattered wild flowers a fairyland, where brighthued flower blooms and yellow-green grasses dance like so many happy boys and girls with their bright ties flowing and their skirts swishing in rhythmic movement.

In July, when the sun is the warmest, the farmers in France make into hay the grass that has ripened in June. In the picture-story a haymaker is to be seen at rest. Hay is made from meadow grass.

Who Is This Haymaker, the Friend of Our Artist Companion, and How Is the Grass Made Into Hay by Him?

Dupré's haymaker is a farmer, one who lives in the country on the farm and tills the land, bringing forth food giving grains and vegetables. The rural inhabitants in France are known as rustic folk, and the farmers and their families are called the peasants of France. In haying time the men and women are at work in the fields before dawn, which is indeed an early hour to begin work. The men busy themselves with the heavy work of the field, while the lighter and easier labor is left for the women and for the older boys and girls. The peasants cut or mow the grass with great, heavy scythes, which they swing in a semi-circle, laying low the grasses at their feet. The mowed grass is then raked and tossed by men and women, who gather heaps of the cut grass upon their pitchforks and toss them here and there on the shorn ground. The tossing of the grass, the heat from the sun, and the wind make it dry, and when the grass has become very dry it is called hay. The man at rest in the picture by our friend

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# A STORY AND ITS DRAMATIZATION FOR CLOSING DAY EXERCISE

#### By Laura Rountree Smith

#### THE SURPRISE BOX

Once upon a time four little maids in Japan said, "We are going to have visitors from America. Let us try to learn their ways."

Cherry Bloom said, "We must try to sit in an honorable chair."

Viva San said, "We must practise wearing our shoes inside the house."

Lotus Bloom said, "The Americans shake each other by the hand."

Ah Loo said, "They do not bow on bended knee, but bow their heads. We will still wear our Japanese costumes, however; we would feel funny in American clothes."

At that minute, rap-a-tap was heard on the door, and in walked an old woman with a box under her arm.

The Japanese children offered her a rocking chair they had brought in to practise sitting in.

The old woman shook her head and sat on the floor, saying:

"To be natural is best,

To friend, or relative, or guest."

She set her box on the floor and tapped it with her wand, saying:

"If sad you are, and tired of play,

Out will come a rainy day. Out came a little fairy, in raincoat and umbrella, singing:

"Patter, patter, drops of rain,

Oh ho, the showers have come again."

The little Japanese children curled up under their parasols, for they felt the rain falling.

At a word from the old woman, the rain fairy curled up in the box and went to sleep.

Next, she tapped the box, saying:

"If you are happy, and good, and gay, Out will come a sunny day.

Then out danced a sunshine fairy in yellow dress and cap, singing a gay song.

Then the Japanese girls felt so gay they took their parasols and fans and began to skip about.

When they had finished their dance, the old woman and her fairies had gone, but she had left the magic box behind her.

Cherry Bloom said, "I wonder what she meant about being natural.'

Just then the American children began to arrive, and the Japanese children bowed stiffly and offered to shake hands, and offered their guests, one after another, the rocking chair.

The American children were disappointed, so Lotus Bloom tapped the magic box, and out came a rainy day

The American children crept under the parasols offered them, saying:

> "In gay Japan, across the seas, We thought to see other sights than these. Will you explain as best you can, Why it is raining in Japan?"

The four little Japanese girls put their heads together and said, "Maybe the old woman was right. Perhaps our guests would rather see us natural, than imitating them. Let us tap the box again, and call for the sunshine fairy."

They tapped the box, out came the sunshine fairy, and they all sat upon the floor and drank tiny cups of tea, and the Japanese children went thru a pretty fan drill by and by.

The American children had a good time, and when

they rose to go, the Japanese children went out and got lighted lanterns to light them on their way home.

The American children said when they got home:

"In Japan, in Japan, With gay parasol and fan. Live the little Japanese, And they bow on bended knees, Cherry Bloom, and Viva San, Entertain as best they can, With gay parasol and fan. In the island of Japan, Lotus Bloom and wee Ah Loo Passed the tea to me and you.

These dear little maids, you understand, Live far away in the Sunrise Land."

The Japanese children said:

We've learned one lesson as wee Japanese, We all must be natural if we would please. But we wish the old woman would come and explain Why from the box comes sunshine and rain.' Then the old woman returned and said:

When children are sad, and tearful, and frown, The rain is always sure to come down. When children are happy, with sunshiny smiles,

The sun will come out in a very short while. I'll teach you this lesson before we part-You can always have sunshine right in your heart."

Then the old woman vanished. Her magic box was gone.

The Japanese children walked about with parasol and fan, as merry as you please, for they had sunshine in their hearts.

#### Suggestions

The stage should be set with Japanese lanterns hung on wires. A few Japanese screens are used at the back, and Japanese fans and parasols add to the decoration. Flowers in pots are set at right and left of stage.

Japanese Children-We are going to have visitors from America. Let us learn their ways.

#### THE PLAY

Cherry Bloom-Let us try sitting in this chair. My, how it rocks!

Ah Lee-Let me try it! I am afraid I will rock over! Lotus Bloom-Let me try!

Viva San-Let me have my turn (rocks over).

Cherry Bloom-Let us practise shaking hands. Hark! Some one knocks!

Old Woman-How do you do? Ah Lee-Do take this chair.

Lotus Bloom-Let us shake hands. Old Woman-No, I will sit on the floor. Do try to be natural and not imitate others. I will tap my box. (Out comes Rainy Day Fairy. The box she carries is arranged at the back of the stage by another, from which a child steps. By quickly removing a screen, she seems to come from the old woman's box.)

Rainy Day Fairy—Here I am, ho, ho! Japanese—We will open our umbrellas. (Sing, tune

"Lightly Row .....)
"How de do, how de do, Wave the parasol and fan. How de do, how de do, Welcome to Japan. Now that you have crossed the seas, You will see the Japanese. How de do, how de do, Welcome to Japan."

(Rainy Day Fairy goes back.) (Continued on page 129)

# BIRD STUDY FOR JUNE

#### THE KINGBIRD

T. Gilbert Pearson in Audubon Leaflet

As I made my way one spring morning among the clump of reeds along the margin of a southern lake, keeping a sharp lookout for the deadly water-moccasin snakes, I was startled by an unusual sound. It seemed to come from overhead and just a little behind me. Turning, I beheld a hawk darting sharply downward, and only a few feet in front of it a little Spotted Sandpiper was fleeing for its life. By the smallest fraction



Kingbird

of a second the sandpiper avoided the murderous clutch of its enemy, and then dashed into a thin growth of grass. The hawk veered sharply upward, wheeled around, paused an instant on outstretched wings, and then, catching sight of its prey, was in the act of plunging again, when, like a bolt from a clear sky, something struck it in the back. This something proved to be a small black and white bird, which, with sharp, clattering notes and snapping bill, struck continually at the great hawk many times its size.

#### The Hunter Hunted

The hawk at once forgot how hungry it was and lost sight of the panting, frightened sandpiper, which lay almost helpless on the ground below; for all at once another idea had taken possession of its mind, and that was to escape this infuriated bundle of feathers with a sharp beak that was snapping at its back. So it departed across the shallow lake as fast as its big wings could carry it, and its pursuer, a little Kingbird, urged it on with every stroke. The hunter had suddenly found itself the hunted one, and, judging by the haste it used and the way it dodged, one would think it was as badly frightened as the poor sandpiper had been a few minutes before. For fully a quarter of a mile the Kingbird kept up the chase, ceasing the pursuit only when the hawk had entered the woods.

The Kingbird was the sentry and also the fighting war-

rior for all that arm of the lake, and woe to any large bird that came near. Later I saw him several times, and he was ever on the alert. Once he drove off a great Turkey Vulture, actually alighting on its back, where evidently he held on to a feather with his bill. Twice I saw him make life miserable for Crows that ventured into his kingdom.

#### The Nest

I found his nest, too, and this was a discovery worth while. A button-wood bush had grown up from the mud and among the water plants, perhaps 200 feet out from the lake shore. It was a thin, discouraged looking bush, but it served well for a Kingbird's nest. In this, three feet above the water, the rather bulky cradle had been built. At a little distance it appeared to be only a streaming cluster of long, gray moss, which might have been blown, during some gale, from a bare branch of one of the scattered pine trees back on the shore. When one came near, however, and looked inside, another sight was presented. There, in a cup-shaped inclosure, lay as pretty a set of eggs as one might wish to see. They were about an inch long and perhaps three-fourths of an inch wide; and scattered about over the white surface of the shells were many spots of brown in various shades. The nest was lined with little roots and grass, and the whole structure was compact and strong.

Kingbirds often show a preference for living near streams or lakes, but very often are found far away from such places. This is true particularly in the northern states, where we may meet with them in old apple orchards, along highways, or in the neighborhood of farm fences, beside which trees have sprung up and been allowed to grow.

#### Nest-Building

Early one morning last June I was out watching for birds just after sunrise. A little girl, with sharper eyes than mine, was my companion. The air was ringing with the song of a Veery, and a pair of Red-eyed Vireos were calling repeatedly from the near-by trees. My fellow-watcher was pointing out a Downy Woodpecker she had discovered, when she caught sight of a Kingbird, the first she had ever seen. It was flying slowly and somewhat laboriously, for in its bill it carried a strip of cloth several inches long. A moment later the bird settled among the twigs and leaves growing on the horizontal limb of a scraggy, gnarled oak tree just before us. Here it remained for two or three minutes, pulling and tugging at the rag. After getting it placed to its satisfaction it flew away. We had discovered a Kingbird in the act of building its nest, and, so far as we could observe, had actually seen it bring the very first piece of material with which to make it.

#### Constructing a Home

Day after day, in the early morning, we would slip out to see how the work was progressing. The birds seemed to work at their nest-building chiefly in the early morning; still, it must be confessed we did not watch very closely at other times of the day, and the birds may have continued their efforts at various periods until the sun went down. In making the nest the birds used old weed stalks, grass, pieces of paper, and rootlets; and it took them many days to complete the task. Altho it would have been easy to climb up to the nest, we did not do so. The little girl, who belongs to a Junior Audubon Society, told me it was a rather bad practice for children to peep into every nest they found, so we never learned how many eggs were laid in it.

Later, however, we saw three young sitting on the limbs near the nest, where both the father and the mother often fed them. The tree stood not more than twenty feet from the veranda of a summer clubhouse,

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# PRIMARY NUMBER TEACHING WITH GAMES

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#### Spinning the Arrow

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A good game for drill work toward the end of the year, and also to be used in testing the pupils is "Spinning the Arrow.'

Make a large circle of cardboard. Place different numbers at regular intervals around the circumference. Fasten an arrow to the center. Each child spins the arrow and tells the number to which the arrow points. Then he adds, subtracts or multiplies the number agreed upon. If it has been agreed that 4 is to be added, if the arrow points to 10, the player says, "10 and 4 are 14." If 4 is to be subtracted, the child says, "10 less 4 is 6," or if the Austream method of subtraction is used, he says, "4 and 6 are 10." If the table of 4's is being reviewed, he says, "10 4's are 40."

Cardboard circles may be arranged with the products of the numbers on, or dividends, and rapid work in division given. Suppose the 4's are being studied and reviewed. The numbers 4, 12, 20, 16, 24, etc., are arranged on the circle. If the arrow points to 12, the child answers, "4 is in 12 three times," or "4 is in 24 six times," etc.

If it is too hard to get a sufficient number of cardboard circles for the various forms of drills, circles of lightweight paper may be cut and numbers put on them and these fastened on the cardboard with thumb-tacks as needed.

#### Bird Catcher

The children are arranged in a circle, Each child is assigned a number. In the second or third year the numbers may be sums, products or quotients, depending upon the kind of game to be played. One child may be the leader, or the teacher may be leader and ask for results within the numbers assigned, as "8 and 4 are?" The child having the number 12 announces the number. He has caught the bird. Or, " $3 \times 6$  are?" The child having the number 18 announces the result. Or, 4 is in And the child may announce 6.

#### London Bridge

A second grade class recently tried this game. Two children, especially strong in their number combina-tions, were chosen to make the bridge. They agreed that one should get the pupils who gave correct answers to the problems they put, and the other should get those who gave incorrect answers. The one who gave the problem should tell the child caught on which side he was to go, simply saying, "Get behind me," or "Get behind George." Such problems as "6 2's are how many?" "9 and 6 are how many?" etc. When the pupils are all in lines, the teacher announces which side is Right and which side Wrong, and the pupils try to win for "Right." This is a fine game for a play period outdoors, too.

#### Bean Bag

Various games of bean bag may be played. This is one keeping the score of which requires addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication.

A large circle is drawn on the floor. A smaller circle inside the large one. Let each bag thrown into the circle count 2, each child having four bags. Each bag outside the circle counts 1 off.

Later, each bag thrown into the circle may count 4, 5, or whatever multiplication table is being drilled upon.

The score should be kept by a pupil on the blackboard. Later, the individual scores will be found and the winner announced.

#### Tug o' War

Arrange the class in two equal groups, each group having a captain. The captains will give combinations to the other side, as  $4\times3$ , 6+9, 10-4, etc. Pupils must sit as they fail. Not only captains, but all the

pupils must be on the qui vive to see that the answers are correct.

#### Buzz

To be played when the class is preparing for a multiplication table. For example, the table of 3's. teacher says, "We will count, and as we count we will pick out the 3's or any numbers that 3 helps to make. If your number is 3, or is made by 3, you must say Buzz, instead of the number." Children begin to count, 1, 2, Buzz; 4, 5, Buzz; 7, 8, Buzz, etc. It is readily seen that the pupils must think carefully and quickly

when playing this game.

The Journey to New York

We teach counting by 1's, 2's, 3's, 5's, etc., until considerable familiarity is acquired. This counting is a form of addition, as "Count by 2's." Start at one end of the class. The first child starts off with "2," the next "4," next "6." If we begin to lag, the teacher save "4," next "6," If we begin to lag, the teacher says, "6, 2 more," "8 2 more," etc. If the counting drags, we start at the other end of the class, trying each time to gain more and more time. If we work slowly, we are going on a freight train; if fairly well, we are on an express, but if we do first-class work, we are in the aeroplane.

Rapid work in addition is given this way. It is surprising what speed can be obtained. The other day I selected two children from the class and said, "When I have finished writing this column of figures, see which one of you can write the answer first." I wrote the figures rapidly, and by the time I had drawn the line one pupil was ready with the answer. Other children in the class wanted to try, and I let them. Chester won out in every one, and we left the class with the remark, "I think I'd get ready to beat Chester, if I were you."

#### Follow the Leader

This game, slightly varied, was suggested in Primary Education some time ago, and is especially good for drill and review in third grade. Each player is given a number, which he writes at the top of the blackboard. If the leader says, "Add 2," each player must add 2 to the number on the blackboard, and continue adding whatever number is given. Or, if after adding, the leader says, "Subtract 4," each player must subtract 4 from the sum last written. Then if the leader says, "Multiply by 3," the players multiply. Whatever the leader dictates must be done, whether it is adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing. Much depends upon the phase of drill desired. If any player makes a mistake, and it is noticed by a seated player, he takes the place of the player who has made the mistake. If the leader is a member of the class and does not notice mistakes made, his place should be taken by some one

#### Adding Sides

The pupils count aloud, and each child takes the number which he spoke in counting. Two leaders are then The first leader then calls a number, and the chosen. child whose number added to that of the leader's will make the number called by the leader, tells his number and steps to the side of the first leader before the second leader has counted 10 aloud. If the child fails to respond with his number, he is out of the game and must sit.

The second leader then calls a number, and the child whose number added to the second leader's makes the number called by the second leader steps to the second leader's side before the first leader has counted 10. Thus the leaders alternately call numbers until all the pupils are chosen.

If either player calls a number which is not the sum of his number and a number still unchosen, he must give the last added player to the other side.

sum is the winner.

The side having the greater number of players at the end of the game is the winner.

The game may be continued in this way: The first leader speaks his number, the next player to him speaks his number, the two numbers are added. The third player speaks his number and adds it to the sum of the other two, and so on until all the numbers on that side have been added. The numbers on the other side are added in the same way. The side which has the larger

#### GAMES FOR BEGINNERS

It is too late to try the following games this year, but they are suggested for the beginner's work when school opens in the fall.

Little children, with their hazy ideas of school, come to us in the fall, some with a feeling of timidity and almost fear, others with a pre-conceived dislike for school, and still others with a real joy over entering school.

The little games which can be played help to strengthen the bond and show the children that school is a happy place to be, and all teachers should try to make it so, for the place where children spend five or more hours a day should be the most delightful place that one can be in, other than his home, and for many children it must even surpass the home.

The teacher wishes to find out what the child knows about number, by counting, by touching a certain number of objects, etc. One game that little first graders always enjoy is the

#### The Good Ears' Game

Ask the pupils to close their eyes and tell the number of taps the teacher makes with a pencil, the number of times a bell is struck, the hands are clapped, etc. It is surprising how inaccurate our ears are without our eyes, at first. The sounds must be made clear and distinct, so there can be no mistake.

#### Touch Game

Another game which appeals to the senses is the Touch Game. The child closes his eyes. The teacher or another pupil touches him on the hand a certain number of times—he must tell how many. The other pupils in the class watch to see if the pupil tells correctly. Then some one else tries it.

Later, when the children associate the written and oral form of the number, the teacher may place a number on the blackboard and say, "Touch John so many (pointing to the number) times, George."

Recognition Game

When the pupils have learned to count and to recognize the written forms of numbers to 10, "I Spy" may be played. The pupils are each given a number up to 10. If there are more than ten pupils in the class, only part of the pupils are given a number.

The teacher then writes a number on the blackboard. If it is 9, the child who has been given 9 says, "I spy my number—9." If he doesn't recognize his number, or forgets it, a child who knows it may take his place.

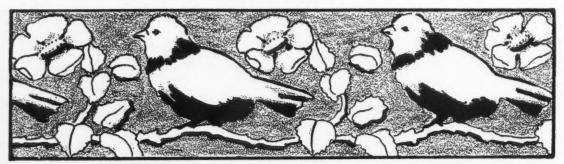
THEMES FOR GRADUATION EXERCISES

, It has been suggested that the themes of commencement addresses and of graduating exercises be chosen with special reference to questions which will "tie up for classes and audiences the civic and educational lessons that should be drawn from the war, the armistice, and the peace conference." Even the examination questions of finals should show that in all subjects war and after-war problems have been related. Now that the was is over there is a tendency to settle back into a lethargic state of forgetfulness regarding the war and the momentous lessons growing out of it that should never be forgotten by the American people. Do not fall into the lazy attitude that says, "Oh, I am tired of hearing about the war and the peace treaties and the league of nations and the Monroe doctrine, etc."

The issues growing out of this war will affect and (Continued on page 132)

# JUNE BLACKBOARD BORDER

Etta Corbett Garson



In June the trees have sufficient foliage to conceal the most conspicuous nests, so even the most timid birds now build. Strong preferences are shown by birds for particular trees. The wood-thrush is partial to the dogwood, and the oriole loves to swing his pouch from the top of an elm bough, but the wren likes best the depths of an old apple tree's trunk. The small birds have a fondness for vines and seed-bearing weeds. The songsparrow often frequents a berry patch, where its food is easily procured.

If you saunter along the by-roads this month you will be in a motley company of weeds that, asking not for the luxury of cultivation, crave only the permission to root and pay toll in bloom. Among this throng that crowd for room is the vervain, ragweed, white clover, common field daisy, selfheal and plantain. No matter how warm the sun, the little green rosettes of the plantain offer their leaves, cool as spring water. This plant, so common, was once much esteemed as a healer of wounds, and was called "wound-heal." So persistently does it follow the steps of man, that it was called in some countries "way-bread." The Indians call plantain the "print of the white man's foot." In "Hiawatha" there is an allusion to it:

"Wheresoe'er they tread, beneath them Springs a flower unknown amongst us— Springs the 'White Man's Foot' in blossom."

Summer becomes a full-blown fact when June roses open their red buds. The flowers of June are rich and varied in color, and the song of birds fills the air. June days are bloom days. Every moment out of doors is a feast of fragrance, sound and color.

# DRILLS, GAMES AND MARCHES FOR SCHOOLROOM AND PLAYGROUND

Compiled by the Editor

POINT STEP MARCH



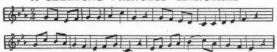
Notes:

In couples, joining hands. Four "mark time" steps in place alternating with point step, or around in a hollow square. March forward 4 counts (2 measures), point step, left (1 measure), right (1 measure), then 4 march steps, etc.

- 1. Turn toward left and place left toe two-foot-length to left, ankle extended and right knee bent.
  - 2. Replace left foot and stand erect, etc. March, march, march, with the toe pointed so. Round the room in step we go; With the toe pointed so. Round the room we go.

Turn to the left side, turn to right, Is it not a pretty sight? With the toe pointed so, Round the room we go.

#### A SLEEPING PRINCESS-MARUSAKI



- 1. Marusaki (1) lives in far Japan, She wears a long dress and waves a fan. When (2) she makes a bow she bends so low She (3) sits on a mat on her heels, just so.
- 2. She (4) learns to do writing with a brush. Always very careful, never in a rush. She (5) makes a low bow and bids us come (6) To see the fete of chrysanthemum.
- 3. Then (7) away we'll haste to fair Japan, Each one with a sunshade and a fan; When the visit's over, home we'll come, Each one bringing home a chrysanthemum.

Notes:

Stand in aisles, facing seats.

1. Right hand at waist (8 measures).

2. Begin Japanese bow by placing one hand and one knee on same side on seat, then the other hand and knee; drop head at "low."

3. Sit back on heels and remain until note 5.

4. Thru 8 measures hold one hand as if holding a paper, and make printing motions with other hand.

5. Rise to knees and bow heads.

6. Stand with hands as in note 1. 7. Move forward for the first line of stanza 3, backward for second line, etc., in short steps on toes two steps to a measure.

#### SAILOR BOY

- (A) Hurrah for the sailor boy,
  - A-sailing o'er the sea;
- (B) He pulls a rope and fixes it,

(C) A brave boy is he!

(D) Hurrah for the sailor boy, Hurrah for the sailor boy,

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Hurrah for the sailor boy, Hurrah for the sailor boy,

(E) A-sailing o'er the sea.

(F) Hurrah for the sailor boy A-rowing o'er the sea; He grasps an oar and pulls an oar.
(G) A strong boy is he.

(H) Well done, sailor boy,

Well done, sailor boy, Well done, sailor boy, A-rowing o'er the sea.

Formation: Single circle, partners facing right, that is, in forward line of direction. Boy and girl take sailor hornipe position (right arm in front of body, left arm behind body).

(A) Step right, raising left behind, hop right. Repeat three times, changing position of arms from right to left, according to the leading foot. (4 measures.)

(B) All face center of circle. Pull rope with both hands and, stooping, fix it to cleat. (2 measures.)

(C) All fold arms, holding position, with head and chest high. (2 measures.)

(D Take cap off with right hand and wave it; repeat with left hand; repeat with right. (6 measures.)

(E) Fold arms and turn all around to right with 4 steps. (2 measures.)

(F) Grasp oars; step back with right foot, pulling arms down to sides and bringing left foot back to right. Repeat 3 times. (6 measures.)

(G) Face center of circle and feel muscle of right

arm. (2 measures.)
(H) Face partner, shaking right arm with fist clenched; repeat with left; join hands with partner and swing around. (8 measures.)

#### A STORY AND ITS DRAMATIZATION

(Continued from page 125)

Old Woman-I will tap the box and see who comes (Enter Sunshine Fairy. She leads in a parasol drill later.)

Japanese-Who comes here? American visitors? (They enter. The Japs offer them the chair, offer to shake hands, etc. The Rainy Day Fairy comes out.)

American Children-You are not as quaint as we thought. You do not act natural.

(They tap box. Out comes Sunshine Fairy. They all sing "Cup o' Tea." Tune, "Twinkle, Little Star.")

"If you take a cup o' tea, Drink it a la Japanee, For we always think it best To serve visitor and guest.

Some old women always see Fortunes in a cup o' tea. Stir it gently round and round, With a pleasant, tinkling sound."

(The Americans go thru a flag drill, the Japs a short lantern drill, and sing, in closing, tune "Comin' Thro the Rye"):

"If you ever chance to visit

In the Sunrise Land,

You will see strange sights and customs

As you understand.

We will give you hearty welcome,

And we always try

To entertain in merry manner 'Ere we say good bye."

# A PAGEANT OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY

#### Willis N. Bugbee

#### Characters

Miss America. She wears a dress to represent the U. S. flag. The skirt consists of red and white stripes running lengthwise. The waist is made of blue cloth, with white stars. A wreath or chaplet on the head.

Industry, Science and Art wear classic gowns made of thin white material. Chaplets are worn on head. The name of each may be printed on headgear or on band fastened diagonally across chest, or if desired a small banner may indicate identity of each.

People in the pageant include the following:

Inventors. Planters. Mechanics, Farmers, Farmerettes. Builders. Fruit growers, Railroad engineers, Ranchmen, Boatmen, Shepherdesses, Teachers. Lumbermen, Ministers. Foresters, Physicians, Fishermen. Writers, etc. Miners,

Costumes for these will naturally suggest themselves. Any number may take part.

#### Scene

Either outdoors or indoors, with flag decorations. A slightly raised platform at the rear center.

(Enter Miss America)

Miss America-Today I am to review the great industries of this fair land of mine. The toilers from the mines and the mills, from the factories and the farms, and from all departments of industry, will meet to tell me of the wonders they have achieved. I am proud of them all. I am proud to know that America stands preeminent in the industrial world today. What wonderful things have been accomplished in the past century and who can say what still more wonderful things are yet to be recorded in the hundred years to come. I suspect that America shall continue to lead them all.

(Enter Industry) Industry-You are right, America must lead them all. Miss A .- Greetings to thee, Miss Industry. America's

supremacy is due largely to you. Industry-Not to me alone. You must not overlook my companions, Science and Art. Hither they come.

(Enter Science and Art)

Miss A .- Welcome, Science and Art. You three have made America the greatest nation in the world.

Art-We have each but tried to do our part. Miss A .- And you have succeeded well.

Art-Without me, everything would be commonplace,

indeed. Science-And without me labor would be drudgery

Industry-And without me neither Science nor Art could accomplish aught. The Three-Yet together we perform magical deeds.

Miss A .- Here come the toilers. Let us take our places where we can view them as they pass. (All take places on platform or dais.) First of all come the agricultural workers. That is just as it should be.

(Music as small boy enters L. with banner upon which is the word "Agriculture," or "Husbandry." He passes to R. as Planters and Farmers enter L.)

Miss A.-Welcome, my loyal workers! We wait to hear the story of your deeds.

Planters-Very well; we shall be pleased to tell you. As for ourselves, we hail from the famous plantations of the South-from the broad cotton fields, the flooded rice fields and waving stretches of sugar cane. It is our cotton that keeps the mills of the East forever busy

Western Farmers-It is we who provide the wheat to

make the bread, and the corn to fatten the stock. Our acres are broad and fertile, and our products regulate the world's markets. Ours is the "Bread Basket of the World."

Eastern Farmers-We furnish the potatoes, the vegetables and the dairy products for the thriving eastern cities. Tho our farms are not so broad, yet we cultivate them as best we may and we have plenty to do withal. We wish to thank Science for all she has done for usfor the tractor-

Planters-For the cotton gin-

Western Farmers-For the reaper and the thresher-Eastern Farmers-And for the myriad other machines, without which we could not supply the country's growing needs.

(Any farm song may be used here. All exeunt R.) (Enter Farmerettes, carrying hoes or rakes.)

#### Farmerettes-

We are the merry Farmerettes, We're not afraid to toil; It gives us health and a little wealth-Oh, we love to till the soil!

(A short drill with hoes or rakes may be given if desired, then all pass to R. and exeunt.)

(Enter Fruitgrowers-both boys and girls-carrying fancy baskets of fruit. The fruit may be real or artificial and may include apples from Michigan, peaches from Delaware, oranges from California, pineapples from Florida. A little darkey boy carries a Georgia watermelon.)

Fruitgrowers-

Behold the ripe and luscious fruit Of vine and bush and tree-

From North and South and East and West, We've gathered them, you see.

(The darkey may sing portion of "Dixie Land" or "A Little Black Boy." The latter is found in "Churchill-

Grindell Song Book No. II. All exeunt R.) (A few strains of music are played on piano as small

boy enters carrying banner with word "Herding." Ranchmen follow.)

Ranchmen-We are the cattle raisers from the wild and woolly West. We raise them by the thousands. People from the East may call us rough and uncouth, but how could we be otherwise, with our rough life on the ranch.

(Any appropriate song of the West may be sung, and all exeunt R.)

(Enter Shepherdesses with crooks)

#### Shepherdesses-

Like little Bo Peep, we watch the sheep And keep them from going astray The wool is sent to the eastern mills

To weave into garments gay.

(A short drill with crooks may be presented, and all exeunt R.)

(Music resumes, and a boy passes with "Forestry"

banner. Enter Lumbermen with axes.)

Lumbermen—We are the woodsmen. sharp axes we cut the mighty oaks and pines, and spruce and hemlock.

(Enter Foresters)

Foresters-The Foresters are we. It is our duty to preserve and protect the forests of our country from

ruthless destroyers. Ah, here they are now! **Lumbermen—**Why call us "ruthless?" Do not people need lumber for their homes, their furniture and a thousand and one other uses of everyday life?

Foresters-Not as in days gone by. Steel and brick and concrete have come to take its place. Lumbermen-What, then, shall become of the Woods-

Forester-You, too, may become a protector instead of a destroyer.

Miss A .- That is truly spoken. America has need to preserve its dwindling forests.

(Woodsmen and Foresters sing "Woodman, Spare That Tree." All exeunt.)

(Music resumes. Boy passes with banner, "Mining." Enter Miners, with picks and miners' lamps. )

Miners-We are the toilers of the mines. We produce the coal, that the homes may be heated and the machinery of the mills kept running; we produce the iron to build the machinery and bridges and mighty ships; we produce the gold and silver and jewels of precious worth. What would the nation do without the miners?

(Sing "Song of the Miner," in Churchill-Grindell Song Book No. II. Exeunt R.)

(The music resumes, while boy passes with banner, "Manufactures." Enter Inventor.)

Inventor-I am an Inventor-the right hand man of Science. I put into practical form the secrets revealed to me by her. The mechanical wonders of the present century are all due to the cunning of my brain.

#### (Enter Mechanics)

Mechanics-We are the Mechanics. We toil all day in the workshops of the nation. We make everything from a needle to a threshing machine. Our motto is, "Made in America."

#### (Enter Builders)

Builders-We are the builders of the people's homes, and Art has come to our assistance to make them beautiful, both within and without. Once the wigwam and pueblo were the only homes in this virgin land, but today no more attractive dwellings can be found anywhere in the world.

(All may join in appropriate song, or "The Builders,"

by Longfellow, may be recited. All exeunt R.)
(The music resumes. Boy passes with banner—
"Commerce." Enter Engineers.)

Engineers-If some toilers bring forth the riches of the field and forest, of the mines and the mills, there must be others to carry it from place to place, and to distribute it wherever it may be needed. We are the carriers of the nation. And remember that progress and civilization always follow the railroad.

#### (Enter Sailors.)

Sailors-We man the merchant ships and carry the products of our country to all corners of the globe, for American-made goods find their way into every port and every clime.

(Sailors sing "Sailor Boys," in Churchill-Grindell Song Book No. II. Exeunt R.)

(Music resumes. Enter professional people.)

Miss A .- Well, now, who have we here?

All-We are the professional leaders-

First-The physicians.

Second-The preachers. Third-The writers.

Fourth-The teachers.

First-Our work is more of the head than of the hand. We direct the minds of the people into right ways of thinking and into right ways of living. We strive to make happier, healthier, wiser and more patriotic toilers in every field of American industry.

Miss A .- How well you have succeeded is best shown by the intelligence of the real American laborers, and their patriotism is beyond question. They have stood loyally by our flag at all times. They have made all nations respect the "Star-Spangled Banner."

(All join in singing "Star-Spangled Banner" or other flag song. Other characters may re-enter and join in the song.)

#### Curtain

Note-The price of song book referred to is 35 cents. (Book rights reserved by the author.)

#### PICTURE STUDY

(Continued from page 123)

Dupré has been making hay. Near him, on the ground, is a wooden rake, which he has used to help spread the cut grass and later for the gathering together of masses of the made hay. The hay will be stacked and then pitched onto low carts. These carts have wide-spreading hay racks, which when filled will carry the hay to the barns, to be stored away for future use. By the coming of the twilight the meadows of grass will have been mowed, dressed and garnered.

The haymaker's rest comes at the noon hour. With the hot sun rays beating on his tired back, the peasant worker welcomes the sound of the far-distant bell which rings the noon hour-the hour of rest. Dupré's friend is at rest at the noon hour.

#### How Is the Haymaker Resting, and How Is He Made More at Ease by His Co-worker, the Peasant Woman?

When the sun heat is the sharpest and the haymakers are very tired, the women, who have not been at work in the field, leave their farm homes and follow the crooked path that leads to the work field. The women take with them the noon meal for themselves and for the men who have been at work since the early hours of dawn. Dupré shows us a peasant woman who has carried to the man at rest a great wrought-iron porringer of food and a basket with its coarse loaf of bread and freshly made cheese. If we visit with Dupré the haymakers at the noon hour, we will find them enjoying their rest from work. The man is at rest. He has seated himself on the hay-strewn ground, his tired back pillowed against the newly stacked hay. The basket, with its clean napkin covering all awry, tells us that mealtime is over. The coarse food has been slowly eaten by the peasants, while they chatted, enjoying each others' company as well as the food. After the food comes the thirst, which is, by Dupré's friends, being satisfied with a cooling drink of home-made sour wine that has been carried to the field in a blue stoneware bottle or jug. If we stayed with our picture friends long enough we would no doubt see them stretched out on the scented hay, their faces in shadow and their eyes closed in sleep.

Before saying good-bye to Dupré, who has so kindly taken us with him for a visit to his country of France, and shown us his friends, the peasants, at work in the meadows of the farm lands, let us look again at his painting, the "Haymaker's Rest." What do we know about the man and woman in the picture? Where do they live? Where do they work? What were they doing just before Dupré pictured them? Where have they been at work? What are the meadow lands? What is the grass used for? How is the grass made into hay? The pictured man and woman are haymakers; what have they been doing to make hay? The peasants are at rest in the picture. Why must they rest? How are they resting? Where are they resting? How long will they be at rest? Why did Dupré wish us to know his friends? Why has Dupré told us a story of France and not of America? Why did we visit his country? Do the farmers in our country make hay? Will you go to the hay fields near where you live? Can you tell a picture story of haymaking that you have seen? All these questioning thoughts will be brought to the minds of the children thru the reading of Dupré's painting of "Haymaker's

Rest. Of the artist, Julien Dupré, there is very little known with reference to his life, his study and his success as a painter. We have learned that he is a painter of rustic scenes, interpreting the farm life of peasants and was a lover of animal portrayal. No artist has told the story of country farm life at haying time in a more interesting and truthful translation than has Dupré, the painter of genre subjects out of doors. A series of these paintings relate to the work in the hay meadows, picturing the fol-lowing interests: "The Haymakers," depicting the men with heavy, glistening scythes, mowing the grass; "Tossing the Hay" and "The Hay Harvest," in which a man and woman are seen carrying the dried hay on an improvised rack formed by the handles of their pitchforks. In this way the hay is carried from one small stack to another, forming at last one that is larger, in readiness for the hay cart. "Haying Time" pictures the loading of the cart with the new made hay. "The Balloon" presents the low meadow land in the midst of the rising hills, and tells us of the men and women, old and young, and of the children who have been at work in the haying field, but who have their interest centered for the moment on the balloon high above them in the The painting of the "Haymaker's blue sky. Rest" clearly portrays the wide stretch of level land that has been planted in grass, and shows also the amour of work accomplished in the field between the hours of early dawn and noontime. Julien Dupré, the artist, lived between the years 1851 and 1910.

The children's questioning minds, with their unexpressed thoughts of—"Where will we go in picture land, and what are we going to see?" have formed the underlying thought in the picture appreciation article for The thoughts in the article have been presented in the form of questions in correlation with stated facts which should transform, for the boy and girl of the grades, the pictured thoughts into expressions of life, to be understood and enjoyed by them. There are a numbor of interests presented in the reading of a picture story that offer thoughts for language lessons relative to a child's desire to know and to give expression to

new thoughts and new experiences.

The picture title and the related facts recorded in the article are suggestive interests for supervised playtime. The expression in movement or story dancing might be developed as follows:

The sowing of the seed.

The growing of the seeds, or the awakening of the seeds into life, and the full growth and blossoming of the grasses, their heads raised toward the sun.

The dancing of the grasses in the breeze.

The mowing of the grasses. The raking of the cut grass The tossing of the drying grass. The garnering of the hay.

#### BIRD STUDIES

(Continued from page 126)

where many came three times a day for their meals. Children and dogs romped about the place or sat on the bench under the tree, but the Kingbirds never seemed

frightened.

If birds are undisturbed by their human neighbors they soon learn that no one means to harm them, and often become very tame. We all have seen many photographs of Chickadees, Bluebirds and other small birds that have become so tame that they would alight on the shoulders or hat of a man or woman who was kind to

#### The Kingbird's Crown

Hidden by the dark feathers on the top of its head is a bright orange-red spot. The Kingbird can open the feathers of its crown whenever it wishes to in such a way as to show this bright spot. It has been thought by some people that the Kingbird does this to deceive insects into thinking that they have discovered a flower where honey may be gathered. If true, this would be very nice for the Kingbird, and no doubt would help it very much in getting a living. Perhaps some member of a Junior Audubon Class, by watching one of these birds, will discover whether or not this supposition is

If one watches the Kingbird very long he will notice that most of its time seems to be occupied with hunting food. Birds have different ways of getting the necessary things to eat. Thus some wild ducks dabble in the mud; woodpeckers find food by searching crevices in the bark and wood of a tree; kingfishers dart into the

waters of lakes and rivers to capture small fish; and herons wade in shallow water and spear prey with their long bills. The Kingbird uses none of these methods. Standing on the topmost branch of some small tree. telegraph pole or barbed-wire fence, it will remain motionless except for frequently turning its head as it searches the air for passing insects. Suddenly it will dash out, sometimes a hundred feet or more, seize an insect, and then return to its perch.

Kingbirds and Bees

It is always well for us to know what our bird friends eat. Kingbirds eat flies of many kinds. They also eat mosquitoes, and, in fact, there is hardly an insect so unfortunate as to come within their reach that is not destroyed, for the sharp eye of the Kingbird is ever on the watch, and its strong bill seems never to tire of its work. I once knew a man who paid his boy two cents for every Kingbird he shot. This man raised bees, and he was perfectly sure that he often saw Kingbirdswhich he, like many others, called Bee Martins-catch bees as they came across the garden to or from the beehives. So the boy shot the four Kingbirds that lived near his father's place, and then went around the neighborhood hunting for more Kingbirds, killing some as far as four miles from his home. One day, however, a naturalist connected with the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington made a careful study of the feeding habits of the Kingbird. He found that, in truth, it did eat bees, but that it appeared to eat only the drones!

We all know, of course, that there are two kinds of bees in a hive: one, the workers that gather the honey and take care of the young, and the other the drones who will not gather honey, will not hunt for pollen, and do not, in fact, assume any of the duties around the hive. Perhaps the reason it does not disturb the workers is that they have a sharp sting, while the drones

have none.

Sharp Eyes

All day and all night during the warm months of the year many thousands of insects of various kinds are flying about thru the air. We do not notice them, but the Kingbird has a much sharper eye than man, and it has been proved that it can see a hundred feet away an insect that we would have difficulty in seeing at a distance of fifteen or twenty feet. After a heavy rainstorm very few insects are in the air-the wind and rain having killed many of them. So the hungry Kingbird, from its post, looks around in vain for something to eat. At such times you will find it on the ground searching for flies and small beetles that have fallen before the force of the wind and rain.

Distribution

The Kingbird is found in summer and breeds thruout the whole United States and southern Canada, and winters in Central America and southward to northern Brazil.

#### THEMES FOR GRADUATION EXERCISES

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be of most vital concern to every man, woman and child in this country now and for generations yet un-

Teachers' institutes and summer schools everywhere should relate to the work in geography and history the numerous topics suggested by the war, the armistice, the peace treaties with Germany and other nations, and the league of nations. A teacher cannot properly give instruction in American history without a fair knowledge of the new phases given to history by the light shed upon it from the burning issues evolving in these new times. An entire recitation period thruout the session of every institute and summer school might well be devoted to instruction bearing upon the numerous topics and issues suggested in the foregoing. teacher should be an intelligent citizen, and he or she cannot be such and live in ignorance of the momentous facts and problems that now face the American people.

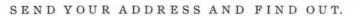
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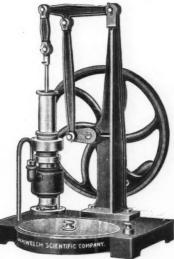
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show how they ought to be handled. Abnormal children are, however, the ones generally under consideration. Hence, I take it the system would be a help in the management of abnormals. Mechanical devises and fixed formulas are used to divert the child from its particular bent. A curing process is applied without his being aware of it. He is beguiled into the right path without the use of either command or advice.

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The worst thing about the system is that it is untrue. It takes from the parent the right of command, except in rarest circumstances, and relieves the child of the duty of obedience. In other words, it provides for a situation that unfortunately has assumed alarming proportions in this land, a situation in which parental authority is reduced to a minimum, if not actually destroyed.

It also tends to train children without developing in them a sense of duty, and without making them acquainted with the meaning of obligation. Its highest aim is to make righteous conduct pleasant, indeed, so pleasant that the child follows it my preference. Such a training may make young children very nice, but it hardly prepares them for the battle of life. If pleasure be the goal, and liking the rule, where will the necessary anchor be when the storms begin to blow?

I have already said that the system is not natural, and therefore must prove a failure. The very definite guidance it would apply to a child of two years would, in all probability, develope a dangerous precociousness. One of the evils of the day is too early development, which prevents minds from attaining their due heights. Judgment must march hand in hand with attainment. Early maturity implies stunted growth. The old adage "soon ripe, soon rotten," holds in all creation.

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Another objection is that the child is not asked to conquer itself. It is led along a path of pleasure by a method that insures its doing the right thing while following its own bent. Even if this were possible, which it hardly is, the method would still be dangerous. For it would mean the atrophy of the power of resolving and of carrying out one's resolutions. The child that is not asked to do hard things will grow up a weakling. I wonder how a boy brought up under the system would behave in a base-ball game.

Another obvious objection already mentioned to the method is that it destroys parental authority and leaves the parent no resource beyond the schemes which a

study of the child's oddities might suggest. The old system of wisely exercised authority has rendered great service to the human family, and has given the world great men and great women. It is our duty to restore

So far as I have been able to judge the "new method" does not allow the Great Creator to interfere in child-training. The wonderful and inspiring feeling of awe which enters the young mind as it is told of God is not regarded as a useful agency in the method, so far as I can learn from the prospectus.

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I take it, then, that the new system is one adapted to an age in which God is ignored, parently authority too often flouted, and human responsibility hardly taught. It will likely prove a boon to parents who have one child that, through petting, if not by actual inheritance, is strange and unmanageable. If the system can do this it will, of course, serve a very useful purpose. But I do not think the average parent of average children needs it. Four, five or six children in a family, will, under normal conditions, aid very much in bringing one another up. Contact with other children who have their own way of rebuking the stubborn and the rebellious is an agency of first importance. The one child, often delicate, and always petted, should be given a trial of the new method; especially if its parents be of a modern type, which does not believe in God, and scarcely recognizes the freedom of the will. But let healthy families apply the old principles which will be found adequate. which will be found adequate.

#### Announcement.

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Prof. F. J. Washichek, of the Academic Dept. of McGill Institute, Mobile, Ala., whose pedagogical articles are appearing in the Catholic School Journal, announces that he is open to engagement for Catholic Summer School or Institute work from June to September.

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A diocesan summer school will be held at the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., and an annual teachers' institute conducted June 30-August 15. This educational work aims to bring about a high grade of professional qualification on the part of the teachers who are all required to hold their professional certificates for teaching in the diocese. The work is also planned to further the Catholic Free High School Movement, as it is the object of the Right Reverend Bishop to open first grade high schools wherever it is possible to do so.

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marquette University.

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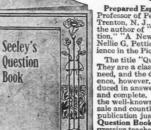
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An intelligent knowledge of at least the English Classics has become so important a factor in the life and education of our people, that the common man even should be familiar with them to some extent. All that can be expected of him, however, is a knowledge of the leading authors, their principal works, the chief characters appearing the chief characters appearing in the latter, and a just appreciation of the plot. No more can be gleaned from a four-year high school course. The knowledge thus acquired should be enlarged upon by a continuance of such reading

after the students have been absolved from school attendance. They should then endeavor to obtain necessary

explanations from competent sources.
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In school, the study of the classics should be pursued with the most assiduous attention. No allusion of what nature or character soever, whether allegorical, historical, mythological, antiquarian, should be allowed to slip by unobserved; all should be fully explained and made so clear to the students that not a shadow of doubt or uncertainty remain in their minds concerning them.

It may not be amiss here to take note of an objection often raised by unthinking people, viz., that it is useless and may be hurtful to propagate among the students information having no foundation in fact, such as the le-

and may be hurtful to propagate among the students information having no foundation in fact, such as the legends of the gods of Greece, Rome, and other realms. Nothing could be more erroneous. The objection is ill-founded and mischievous, and can originate only in an ill-instructed and wholly untrained mind. The study and knowledge of Grecian and Roman mythology more specially are not useless. On the contrary, this knowledge is essentially necessary to a thorough understanding of the life and character of the people and of the social and political status of the commonwealth. Without such knowledge the motives actuating a people in the entire scope of their private and public life can not be clearly understood, if they can be understood at all. As to the claim that the propagation of such knowledge may be hurtful, it is difficult, if not impossible to follow the line of thought of the individual who can raise such a meanof thought of the individual who can raise such a mean-ingless objection. A brief reflection will make this clear. With respect to the youth at school, it is the province of With respect to the youth at school, it is the province of the teacher to have at heart, above all things, the welfare of the pupils and to make it a capital duty to guide them with consummate skill so as to preserve them from all harm, physical, intellectual, and moral. No danger is to be apprehended from that source, provided the teacher is apt and skillful. As to older people, to whom the reading of the classics is said to be injurious, they are truly to be pitied. If they can be injured in this manner, they should be counselled to abstain from all reading, for such wholly irresponsible minds will find evil, where even the most acute theologian could discover none. The fault lies within themselves, not in the classics. Their own inherent weakness of intellect, their lack of moral vigor, the absence of the stamina characterizing the man, are the obstacles that prevent them from perceiving the good where it is to be found and even causing them to turn the good stacles that prevent them from perceiving the good where it is to be found and even causing them to turn the good into evil. But their lack of manliness and their many foibles can not be allowed to halt the onward march of knowledge and education. Much worse than anything found in the classics is frequently met with in the daily press. These objectors with ravenous avidity devour the filth so frequently found in certain publications and find no fault. They are either hypocrites or weaklings. If they be guilty of "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" they must be classed in the former category; if they be serious in what they aver, they are so pitiably weak both intellectually and morally as to be wholly irresponsible. irresponsible.

But to return from our digression. There is an impression among many students and, unhappily, among some teachers, that the period devoted to classics is a sort of (Continued on Page 144)

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TRAINING CATHOLIC WRITERS. Rev. Edward F. Garesché, S.J. Editor of The Queen's Work.

Some Instances in Point.



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We have dwelt on the need of early encouragement for the development of writers. Herein the Catholic teacher will find the most fruitful field of effort towards the encouragement of authorship. Given a love of reading and a zeal for practice in writing then the next requisite for the budding author is the ambition, energy and perseverence to write for publication and to persist in having his writings appear in print. To get over that woeful gulf between writing and publishing is no light leap and no easy effort. Many a one who has the talent and the

one who has the talent and the inclination to write either stops aghast at the thought of appearing in print or having tried to have his writings published finds it so embarrassing and arduous a proceeding that through shame or pride of diffidence or weariness or discouragement or any one of the many things that can hinder action, desists from trying to publish and then from writing at all.

Especially in the beginning, when a writer is quite un-known and has perhaps only partly developed his powers, discouragement is apt quite to paralyze his energies when discouragement is apt quite to paralyze his energies when he finds silence where he expected praise and sees his manuscripts flocking back to him like homing pigeons when he sends them out to impervious editors. Indeed not a few young people who could do fair work with their pens never try at all the breathless experiment of sending out their first fair manuscript. The world of print seems to them too dark and mysterious a country. They do not know the chartings and soundings of that troubled sea of authorship across which lies the undiscovered world of of authorship across which lies the undiscovered world of magazines and books. It scares them even to think of ad-venturing to submit a manuscript for publication and if they could take the high and daring resolve they would not know how to proceed to launch their contribution on

its way.

But if in our classes of English all the machinery of authorship were explained, as it so easily might be, as a light on the making of literature, and if the pupils in the higher classes were made familiar with the details of publication and taught to look forward, the more capable ones, to some day trying their hands and their fortune by sending contributions themselves to Catholic papers and magazines and perhaps even writing a book, then when the time came to try they would have been fortified against bewilderment and discouragement. If besides they had caught from their teachers an enthusiasm for authorship and a great esteem for the business of writing they would be pretty sure at one time or another to try they would be pretty sure at one time or another to try their hand at writing for publication. Then, even though they did not make a profession of authorship, they would find in contributing to Catholic magazines and papers a congenial avocation and the profitable occupation of spare and of leisure hours. To give them the desire to write for publication and encourage them to try, as well as to inform them about the proceeding of contributing to periodicals and of publishing books should be the business of their teachers before they have gone from the influences of school.

It will be helpful to the teacher and will serve to stir up a zeal and interest in the encouragement of young writers, to tell of the experiences of some men and women who have achieved success in writing and who can remember their first beginnings. Just today, by the way, there appears in the daily press an item concerning a well-known novelist just deceased. She died at the age of eighty-eight and had begun her career as a writer at the age of fifty. For the ensuing thirty-five years she had written an average of two novels a year sixty-three books in all, and for fifteen consecutive years had supplied one periodical with a poem and a short story every week. One might think that this prolific person, who only began to venture into print after the midway of her mortal life, was late in receiving the en
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Study of South America Compulsory.

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Study of South American history will be made compulsory for all students of the College of Arts and Letters, Notre Dame University, beginning next September, according to announcement made recently by the Rev. Matthew Schumacher, prefect of Studies. The subject is substituted studies. The subject is substituted for English history, a course in which, until lately, has been required of all Arts and Letters students at the university. Heretofore the course in South American history has been required only of students in foreign commerce. The wide interest in Latin America and the frequent misrepre-sentations of the Church there have determined this action of the faculty. Notre Dame is the first school in the country to take this step. American library, recently donated to the university by the Very Rev. J. A. Zahm, former provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, is the most complete collection of its kind in the country.

Urge Use of English in All Schools. How to make citizens of foreign born residents of the United States was discussed at the opening session of a four-day Americanization conference held on May 18, under the auspices of the Interior Department at Washington.

Use of English in all schools-pub lic, private and parochial—was urged by P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, who declared that without a knowledge of the language spoken in this country no person could become an American. Charles F. Towne of the Massachusetts Bureau of Education emphasized the importance of oral over written English to give the alien the ability to communi-cate with Americans directly, to exchange ideas and learn their customs.

Mr. Towne said the ability to write

English would follow naturally.

wo American inventions were described as helpful in turning immigrants into citizens. One was the phonograph, which W. A. Willson of New York said had taught many foreign born soldiers to sing American songs after hearing them on camp talking machines. The other was the talking machines. The other was the stereopticon, said to have been used successfully to give needed objective work to beginners of English.

#### Geography 60 Years Ago.

Geography as a college study, since its first appearance in a university curriculum about half a century ago, is commented on by Prof. R. H. Whitbeck, of the University of Wisconsin, in an interesting way.
In 1860 Harvard and Princeton

were the only American universities offering courses in geography. Cornell and the University of Wisconsin introduced the subject in 1868, and Yale followed in 1872. In 1900 only twelve American universities taught the subject, but by 1910 thirty-one universities were offering a variety of 142 courses. courses

With 704 students enrolled in geography, the University of Wisconsin led in 1910. With 1,069 enrolled in 1917, it led all others except the University of Pennsylvania. It now offers seven courses in physical and economic geography, climatology and other phases of the subject.

The School Problems of Russia.

Pupils instead of teachers control the schools of Russia under the bolshevik regime, according to two Englishmen, one of them an experi-enced schoolmaster, who have just returned from Russia.

Boys and girls are herded indiscriminately and there is no discipline, says the Englishmen. In a Kolma school a youth of 18 was appointed commissioner of the institution and was in charge of all teachers. On one occasion he closed the school for a week as a protest against the action of the master, who had reprimanded a pupil. Should a master prove un-popular he is promptly ejected by his

Unique Contest in New York State. John J. Regan, of Commercial High School, and a graduate of St. An-thony's School, Greenpoint, N. Y., won the fourth annual Eagle Current Events Bee held early in May.

Fifteen Brooklyn high schools were entered in the competition repre-sented by two students each, and all the competitors, twenty-four boys and

six girls, were on hand.

At the outset of the contest each competitor was given two small American ffags, and when he missed the first time he surrendered one flag, and after a second failure the other flag, which put him out of the race. Mr. Regan retained his two flags to the end, indicating his superiority over all the others entered.

Many of the questions asked were on events which took place several vears ago and which have not appeared in the newspapers recently, but young Regan was able to answer all of them. At the end he was given a of them.

tremendous ovation.

1918 Enrollment High Sold.

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"America, My Country," as is now universally known, was first used on the floor was The Congressional Record. It was first sung by the National Editorial association. It has been given wider publicity by thousands of papers and periodicals, than any other literary and musical achievement of the world war. It has been placed in the schools of five states by their departments of public instruction and is used in thousands of schools, churches and lodges, and over seas. To preserve the dignity and sacredness of the hymn its use for dance music and in medley has been prohibited. Thousands of patriotic Americans of Congress on the day war was declared and the first publication to print the poem have proclaimed it as the New National Cottonic institutions in many sections

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The fourth and last but not The fourth and last but not least part of the recitation is the assignment of lessons. This task is as difficult as it is important. In fact, it has been truthfully said that a good assignment is a fine test of one's teaching ability. Certainly the teacher who dismisses the class and the assignment with the general order: "Take the next pages, topics or problems, is either very lazy or very ig-norant of sound principles of teaching, or of both. Such an indefinite assignment is responsible for much of the aimless,

tion. Not knowing what he should master, the pupil tries to study everything in the book and usually secures no definite results. On the other hand, knowing what to study is a large part of learning, since under correct assignment the learner is enabled to center his study on what is fundamental and essential and thus to master only what really makes for progress. Herein lies the truth of the statement that a lesson well assigned is a lesson half

That the correct assigning of a lesson is not an easy task is evident from the fact that in nearly every lesson there are certain difficulties to be overcome by immature minds unacquainted with the value of fundamentals and the ways and means of mastering them. These difficulties should be carefully weighed and viewed not from the teacher's, but from the pupil's capacity and point of view. The teacher should put himself in the learner's place and The teacher should put himself in the learner's place and recall how difficult a given subject or lesson was for him when he first tackled it. Thus will the teacher be enabled not only to point out what is to be mastered, but also how it should be mastered. Thus, too, will he be more sympathetic, considerate and patient with his pupils' weaknesses and imperfections. This will tend to make the teacher not to expect too much of his pupils, a very common mistake, causing considerable impatience, worry and discouragement on the part of both teacher and pupils.

The individual capacities of the different pupils also render the assignment difficult. Consequently the teacher should make allowances for the capacity not only of the should make allowances for the capacity not only of the class, but also for every individual member of it and then strike an average of their abilities with reference to both the quantity and quality of the work assigned.

Another troublesome factor of lesson assigning is the

amount of time which pupils have for study and recita-tion. Unless the teacher considers this well, he is likely to assign too much or too little work. Either is objec-tionable. The former overwhelms and discourages pupils while the latter invites them to loiter and misbehave. Remember, too, that many pupils must devote much of their time out of school to earning a living, while others have only to play and study .Here again we must follow the general average and make necessary allowances.

Finally, the time of the school term, the weather, the comfort of the school room and the general health of the pupils complicate and modify lesson assignments. Certainly, physically fit and comfortable pupils can do more and better work than delicate, defective ones. Certainly, too, their work will be more effective in fine, bracing weather than in the warm, debilitating variety.

Considering all these altering circumstances existing in the standard of the content of the c

Considering all these altering circumstances existing in practically every school it is evident that the teacher can not wisely assign lessons in a few, odd moments in his class room with its various demands and distractions. Only in the solitude of his daily preparation can he work out correct assignments. Hence lesson plans and assignments should claim a part of the teacher's daily preparation with which he should meet his classes. Should he find the unexpected, the poorly prepared lesson, he can adjust the planted assignment to existing circumstances.

"To assign lessons well the teacher should not only consider these difficulties, but also know the purposes of the assignment. Briefly stated they are: (1) to point Continued on Page 143)



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If Catholic children were forced to go to school under teachers opposed to their faith, or holding the views of many of the bigots in Florida, Geor-gia and some other States we might name, they would not be allowed, we might be sure, to attend church on holy days and every effort would be made to undermine their faith and to misrepresent their religion.-Catholic Herald.

Why doesn't some enterprising culturist open a school to prepare St. Louis teachers for promotion? A class in goose stepping would insure a high mark under the heading of "poise"; a class in singing would enable the possessors of high, low or falsetto voice acquire the sesame tones; and membership in an approved Sunday School would do service as a qualification in most of the other thirty-nine points of rating. Great is the scientific nonsense just now installed in the St. Louis schools.—Western Watchman.

Vacation is indeed too long. It sadly interferes with the child's studies and progress; is uncalled for by climatic conditions; brings extra work on pub-lic officers; adds to the dangers, moral, mental and corporal of the child and so instead of being a benefit is in reality a menace and an in-jury. We, too, attended school. In our time we had just one month, August, for vacation. This time was gust, for vacation. This time was used as much for renovation of the school as it was intended for the scholar's vacation. And still, we had plenty of freedom and play, and ap-parently it did not curtail life. There are vacation schools and there are to obtain the desired benefit for the child in vacation; but an absolute cessation of all studies, all work, all control, must certainly act disastrous-ly on any child.—Catholic Messenger.

#### Plans for Promoting Education.

The presidents of eight Wisconsin colleges decided to begin a consolidated campaign during the first week of November for a \$5,000,000 building and endowment fund. The institutions concerned are Beloit college, Campion college, Prairie du Chien; Carroll college, Waukesha; Lawrence college, Appleton; Marquette university, Milwaukee; Ripon college, Milton college, Milton; Northland college, Asharad land

The consolidated drive of the eight Christian colleges will be along the lines of the united war work campaign. Wisconsin is the first state in the Union in which Christian colleges of various denominations are combining for the purpose of promoting Christian education and combating the undue materialistic influence that pre-

cipitated the world war.

In the archdiocese of St. Louis there is a campaign on for a Catholic High School fund. The week of June 2, a drive for \$300,000 for a Catholic Community Center and Athletic building for boys between 14-20 will commence at Columbus, O. Boy Scouts of America will conduct a nation-wide membership canvas the week of June 8.

#### Classical Education Advocated.

The objective of the American Classical League, which is being formed for the purpose of uniting the classical forces in the United States and to improve and extend classical education, was dilated upon by Dr. Andrew F. West, dean of Princeton University, in an address delivered in Atlanta before the fifteenth annual

University, in an address delivered in Atlanta before the fifteenth annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

"At the present time there is danger that the so-called 'practical' studies, so valuable for immediate war purposes, and so much more valuable at all times when intelligently related to general education, will be considered by many as a sufficient education. Yet if there is any lesson clearly taught by the war, it is that the elaborate practical education of Germany, freely enlisted in the service of ruthless destruction and uncontrolled for human ends, has become an intolerable danger. Such education, if controlled for human welfare, should be encouraged, and if subservient to inhuman ends must be suppressed, or civilization, being made the slave instead of the master of its mechanism, will be debased and destroyed by the powerful agency which was created to improve it.

"In the civilized liberal education, the classics have a necessary and not a meretyl traditional place. They are fundamental to our national language and to other important modern tongues. They are demonstrably an agency of the first value for training the young mind to clearness, exactness and thoroughness. They are of great help in preparing students to master all other studies, whether professional, technical, historical, literary, or artistic. Their literature is full of the noblest impulses and is admittedly the greatest of all foreign literatures. Their history is the key to all history, and it records the origins of our own civilized liberty, justice and democracy. To omit the classics would, therefore, be to destroy a main part of the foundation of our modern knowledge.

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"The future of the classics as a separate study is of relatively minor importance. We care most for them because they are a vital factor in a large problem. Their importance lies in the fact that experience proves they are an essential element in the best liberal education of all countries in the Western civilized world. Therefore, to improve and extend our classical education, not as an isolated thing, but as part of the unified, fundamental program of modern knowledge, which also includes mathematics, natural science, philosophy, history and modern literature, is the object for which the American Classical League is being formed. These studies are our natural allies. We are fighting their fight as well as ours."

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#### TEACHERS' CONFERENCE HOUR Topics of Interest and Importance



Poor Writing As an illustration of the prevalence of poor hand-writing in the business world, Detrimental. the following incident is significant.

The Milwaukee Athletic Club, one of the largest organizatons in the west, with a membership of nearly twenty-five hundred representative business and professional men, recently adopted a rule that members be designated by numbers instead of by names. That is, when they dine or order any service, instead of signing their name that effect their number to the order slip. dine or order any service, instead of signing their name the affix their number to the order slip. This was the ruling of the house committee, after the

discovery that the majority of the members did not sign their names legibly. The suggestion was carefully smoothed over by showing that it was not a new thing

that great men should be poor writers.

Almost Killed With his first year's graduate winning a Marymount Academy scholarship and his second year's graduate winning a St. Francis Xavier's College scholarship out of a field of 293

competitors, a Brooklyn pastor with a new school recently had all the conceit taken out of him by a boy of ten. had all the conceit taken out of him by a boy of ten. Waiting for a car one morning last month he met a Catholic boy, "Why aren't you at school this morning, my son?" he asked. The boy answered, "I go to the public school, fader, and we can only go there a half a day at a time, for the school is overcrowded." "Why don't you go to our own parochial school?" asked the proud pastor. The answer was a stunner. "Because me mudder sez they don't learn nuttin' in the Catholic schools." The blow almost killed father. And who can blame him?

The Teacher's It is amusing what things we remember Influence. from our own teachers: from one, an anecdote; from another, a scrap of information; from another, a point of view; from another, a conviction; and, sad to relate, from many, nothing. They talked to us, let their personalities play upon us, advised us, scolded,

bored, cajoled. Undoubtedly, the sum of their influence went to make us different from what we should have been without it; yet often the last thing we remember about them is the facts they taught us. The one who made us work hardest may be the least remembered, and the one through whose classes we dozed and dreamed may be speaking to us clearly still.

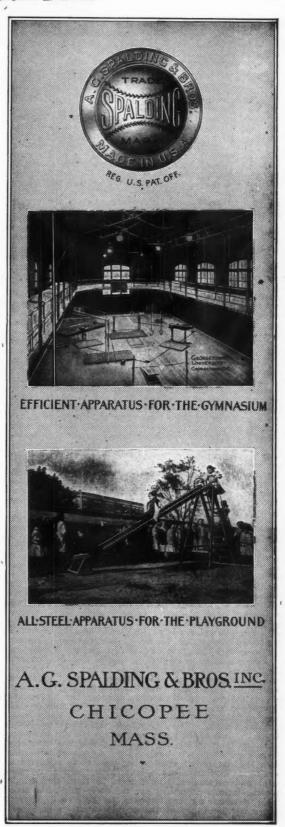
The Test for College Entrance. The latest in the educational world is the Psychological Test for College College Entrance. the Psychological Test for College Entrance. Such a departure from old time examinations is, to say the least, a startling innovation. The experiment is to be made at Columbia University, New York, and will be applied to all who enter that school next autumn. According to Professor Jones, who has charge of the department of admissions at Columbia, the applicant's health record, his character and promise of development, and his school record, will be embraced in this new test. The most radical departure will be the entire doing away with the old-style examinations that were given to establish the applicant's knowledge of the subjects required for admission to college. This will be covered by his school record, and the psycological tests will demonstrate whether he is qualified to continue his schooling.

Popular With Parents.

Every child has a tongue. Every child who goes home talks. Every parent who meets another parent talks. The school is meets another parent talks. discussed. The teachers are picked to pieces. The different methods of different schools are discussed. One school ent methods of different schools are discussed. One school is praised; another is criticised; one teacher is liked, another is disliked. It is to the interests of teachers to think twice before saying hasty words, which, carried home, do not make the teacher or the school popular. The child does best, and the school does best, where teachers and parents are in accord. Generally speaking, there is no reason why they should not be in accord. Parents like the teachers who take an interest in their children; it is only natural they should. The mischief is often done by a chance remark said in a pet. Teachers need be wary of remarks, which, taken home, can be misconstrued into

continue his schooling.

of remarks, which, taken home, can be misconstrued into antagonism.



#### TRAINING CATHOLIC WRITERS.

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couragement to write. But she declared herself that she had begun when she was six years of age by turning one of the psalms into verse. Getting a sound whipping for this youthful exploit she left off writing until a more encouraging atmosphere developed again her youthful aspirations.

To this extremely modern instance one might add a great many others from the experience of non-Catholic writers. But among Catholic authors of the present day one finds sufficient and convincing proof of the use and need of early encouragement. "Where did you get the first impulse to write poetry?" I inquired of a Catholic poet who has achieved distinction in this way of writing, when we were discussing this very matter of early influences. "First," he returned, "from a schoolmate who set me to writing charades in rhyme. But the professor I had at that time laughed at my efforts and advised me not to be wasting time at verse. Then I went to another school and there I found encouragement from my teacher,

who started me on a career of verse-making."

Another prominent Catholic writer owed her first Another prominent Catholic writer owed her first steps in authorship to her mother. This wise lady, who was possessed of great judgment and good sense, indicated to her daughters what career they would be likely to succeed in. "You, my dear," said she to this particular daughter, "will do well at writing. Prepare an essay and sent it to—" and she mentioned a prominent magazine. The advice was taken. The offered essay was accepted and printed and from that time forward the writer. cepted and printed, and from that time forward the writer in question has had plain sailing over prosperous seas. Without that impulse from her mother she might never had courage to contemplate the profession of au-

thorship.

So it is easy to conjecture that in the history of most men and women who write there is some critical point where they were helped over the Rubicon of diffidence and doubt as to their own powers by the kind encouragement and apt suggestion of some relative or friend. these critical points come early in the career of many writers is without question. That the impulse is often received at school and from a loved and trusted teacher is also quite indisputable. It is true that some individuals mature more slowly than others and form their plans for life and their habits of action at a later period than during the days of school. But even these persons are power-fully if unconsciously affected by what they have heard and felt in the classroom. The seeds of their later activi-ties may have been sown by the words or even the looks of one of their teachers and have lain dormant for many years in the faithful soil of memory until circumstances stirred the vital germ and sent the seed upward seeking

light and growth.

One is apt to grow discouraged at the apparent apathy and lack of receptiveness of pupils to suggestions of this kind. Reiterated promptings seem to produce so little effect, and encouragement meets with such blank and incredulous surprise. "We become writers, we publish what we write?" That is in fact the first natural attitude of pupils when they are told of the powers and opportunities which they may possess for authorship in the future. It is difficult for most young folk to receive the right attitude towards writing for publication. They are inclined to look on literature as another world, remote as Mars, into which only the elect can enter, and they light and growth. as Mars, into which only the elect can enter, and they only after death and when they have been embalmed in annotated editions and buried in text books on literature. Unfortunately their previous training and the atmosphere of former classes in English may have tended to confirm of former classes in English may have tended to confirm them in this lugubrious persuasion. The rules of rhetoric may rise up accusingly before them when they essay to write a paragraph of personal experience, and the ghosts of anatomized and dessicated authors may gibber and threaten them when they contemplate a dash into original composition. How many pupils who have a lively imag-ination, a copious use of words in the chatter of every-day talk ideas of their own and an obvious gift of humor day talk, ideas of their own and an obvious gift of humor and vacility in telling any happening that has interested them, grow absolutely paralyzed when it comes to putting them, grow absolutely paralyzed when it comes to putting their thoughts down upon paper and are as awkward in writing as they are fluent in speech. Yet with encouragement and persuasion, administered in time, they might become facile writers and use the same gifts that make them entertaining chatterboxes to hold and interest larger audiences through the written word.

It is needful for the teacher to dwell on such consid-

erations as these because in the rush and routine of preparing classes, covering the matter assigned and getting ready for the ever-threatening tests and examinations, these finer and more subtle elements of teaching are sometimes overlooked and forgotten. They do not appear on any schedule of studies, they are not inquired for in any list of questions for examination. Their results are not even ascertainable by any practical test or measureable by any established standard. The enthusiasm for writing as an art, the ardent interest in authorship as a personal opportunity and as part of one's aspirations for after life, the enthusiasm for trying what one can do to interest, instruct and help one's fellows with the pen, above all the knowledge of the actual conditions of authorship, the openings for publication, the obstacles to be expected and taken cheerfully and as a matter of course by the beginning author, the fine perseverance and undeviating effort required for success,—these things, so necessary for persistance and achievement in the paths of letters, are beyond and above the level of tests, examinations and schedules of study.

Yet from the standpoint of the interests of the Church

and of the culture of the individual student of talent these things are of utmost value and importance. Would you yourself rather have fallen in to the hands of a teacher of English who was letter perfect in parsing and analysis, could rattle off every rule of every rhetoric from the beginning, and knew orthography and etomology, syntax and prosody like the alphabet, but who could not inspire a noble enthusiasm for the living soul of literature and had no notion of the thrill of the written word and of the had no notion of the thrill of the written word and of the call of shadowy audiences, the fancied attentiveness and interest of the eager eyes of multitudes of reading men Or would you choose to have been the pupil and women? Or would you choose to have been the pupil of a man or a woman who was sufficiently versed in the formalities of letters to give you a genteel knowledge of them, but whose enthusiasm and interest carried you far beyond the letter into the enchanted country of the spirit and set you dreaming with the great dreamers of old and planning with the living dreamers of today?

We should not have been long in choosing if such an

We should not have been long in choosing if such an alternative had been offered us. The life is more than the meat and the body more than the raiment. All the para-phernalia of study and exercise turned out by the tortured inventions of pedagogues from the beginning of schools are useful only so far as they help to that living appreciation and that vital training which is the last purpose of education. We must not indeed disparage the method and system which help discipline the mind and waken the imagination and develop progressively the powers of expression. But we must always keep in view that the result is greater than the way and the end better than the result is greater than the way and the end better than the means, and that there are uncovenanted blessings, uncatalogued impartments, which comes much more from the teacher than the text book and are conferred upon the pupil not as a result of drill or recitation, but by the infectious thrill of personal enthusiasm and the contagious fervor of individual zeal.

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In this latter way is stirred in the mind and heart of receptive pupils the first ardors of authorship. The visible talent of the boy or girl may as yet be small, the prospects of ever becoming an effective writer slim indeed. Even the child's own mother may be incredulous of any future in literary endeavor. But if the young heart is fired with some enthusiasm for writing for its own sake and for the power for good that it brings, and if the developing mind receives a trend toward original effort and a craving for self expression, no one can calculate what may be the final fruit. What is chiefly important is to call to the attention of the zealous and untiring men and women who are teaching English in our Catholic schools the need of attending to these early encouragements and incentives. Given many Catholic teachers who are prudent and zealous encouragers of the young generation and we shall have a great supply of Catholic writers from among their

pupils.

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#### ASSIGNING LESSONS, THE FOURTH PART OF THE RECITATION.

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out the extent of the lesson; (2) to relate the old with the new subject-matter and to show the need of acquiring the new; (3) to clarify the advanced lesson and make it forceful in the pupils' minds; (4) to point out difficulties to be overcome and essentials to be learned; (5) to awaken interest and to motivate study.

These purposes make the assignment a reconnaissance of the battlefields and of the forces to be engaged in winning the educational battle to be waged. Its aim is not only to survey the theatre of operations, but also to train the pupil in study tactics, so that he may win the To do this, of course, interest must be aroused and attention sharply centered upon a desirable objective, clear and definite, lest there be aimless, ineffective firing. As necessary equipment there are guiding outlines, maps, charts, and reference works which the teacher and the school should supply.

To accomplish the purposes of assigning care must be taken not to sacrifice the quality of the assignment for quantity. Too often the tendency is to measure the pupils' progress by the amount of subject-matter covered. Many teachers, patrons and pupils think that the more pages they "take," the more times they "go through the book," the more subjects they "finish," the more education they "get." This is undoubtedly an erroneous conception, due partly to the fact that the teacher is a slave to the text-book and partly to the overloading, overcrowding of due partly to the fact that the teacher is a slave to the text-book and partly to the overloading, overcrowding of school curricula. The former may be corrected by the teacher's daily careful preparation of the matter to be teacher's daily careful preparation of the matter to be taught; the latter by better school-management. If the curriculum is over-loaded, leave out passing fads and fancies and teach only essentials. Even then we should not try to do too much in too short a time. One can not do anything well in a sweat-shop. This is particularly true of education which is a growth and as such requires time. In the end, pupils who are assigned only what they can prepare and recite well make more real progress than those who are forced and rushed through long. they can prepare and recite well make more real progress than those who are forced and rushed through long, heavy courses, in which they touch only the most salient phases in a sleazy, smattering manner. To be a student of all subjects is to be master of none. There is much timely warning in the maxim: "Beware of the man of one book," for it is only reasonable to believe that he who concentrates his study upon a limited field of investigation will become a riper scholar than he who scatters his tion will become a riper scholar than he who scatters his efforts over too wide an area. This is nothing more than a practical application of our modern theory of specialization. Hence the assignment motto should be: "Rea-

scation. Hence the assignment motto should be: "Reasonably long lessons thoroughly mastered."

In following this motto, be it remembered that long or short are purely relative terms. What is long for one class may be short for another, or what is a lengthy assignment in one subject is a brief one in another. Consequently the length of the assignment should be the golden mean based upon the capacity of the class and the ease or difficulty of the subject matter assigned so that the average. difficulty of the subject-matter assigned so that the average pupil can by healthy application learn a given lesson

within the allotted time.

Even more important than the quantity of the assignment is its quality. The first prerequisite of a wisely assigned lesson is the teacher's thorough knowledge of it. Knowing neither its content or difficulties the teacher can not make a soundly pedagogical assignment. Either he will overlook some important difficult phase of the lesson or will present it too feebly. In the one case he fails to show the pupil what to study; in the other how to study. Failing to do this he fails in discharging one of the teacher's highest functions. Nor will anything short of daily preparation enable the teacher to stress either the what or the how of study. Only daily preparation gives him that mental freshness and vigor necessary to point out the difficulties of a lesson and to show its connection with former lessons. Practically every lesson has certain basic facts, more difficult, more important than others. Up these the pupils' attention should be strongly focused.

In addition or subtraction the all-important principle is that only like quantities can be added or subtracted. In analysis there is the reasoning from one to many and from many to one. In history there is its unity or continuity, that is, the tendency of mankind to repeat former human actions, running throughout all history as one of its most fundamental lessons. In translations of foreign

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language the all important task is the finding of the core of the sentence, its subject predicate and object. These bring out the central thought relations without which there can be no smooth, intelligible translation. And so one might suggest indefinitely, important, pivotal facts to which the teacher should draw the pupil's sharpest attention in order that he may grasp these fundamental truths most effectively and economically.

Furthermore, the assignment should be definite. It should be so clear, pointed and specific, that no pupil can truthfully say: "I did not know what or how you wanted us to study." Every one should know precisely what he is to learn. Thus will he start at the right point and proceeding with open eyes and active mind attain desirable educational ends. Having this, clear, definite objective in view the pupil naturally looks for it and is far more likely to find it, properly guided than unguided.

Having observed the difficulties, importance, purposes, quantity and quality of the assignment we have still to consider the proper time of the assignment. This depends largely upon the grade of the pupils. In the case of lower grade pupils untrained to study advantageously it is perhaps better to assign their lessons at the close of the recitation period. To this there is the objection that both teacher and pupils are then more or less exhausted and unable to grasp fully the purpose of the assignment. The same objection, however, may be advanced if the assignment precedes the recitation since some of the freshness and energy necessary for instruction is exhausted in making the assignment though in a somewhat lesser degree. Hence it seems best to assign lessons of the lower grade pupils at the end of the recitation.

In the case of advanced pupils it is better to assign lessons at the beginning of the period. Since the purpose of the assignment is not only to point out the extent of the lesson but also to train pupils how to study effectively and economically, the beginning of the recitation is the most opportune time. It then has the decided advantage of starting the april agists and lessoing him agricult until most opportune time. It then has the decided advantage of starting the pupil aright and keeping him aright until he has attained correct ends. Besides, teacher and pupils are mentally fresher, keener and more active at the beginning than at the close of the recitation period and are, therefore, more receptive to helpful suggestions, more ready to take advantage of anything that will place them on the vantage ground in mastering the new lesson. Finally, if the assignment is made at the beginning it is not so likely to be made so hurriedly, superficially and

unprofitably for lack of time.

Here, of course, it may be objected that the teacher does not know whether to assign a new lesson or to reassign the old until he has tested the class. True, but this should not keep us from assigning lessons generally at a time when it can be most purposefully done. If the re-assignment must be made, it should be made as soon as it is deemed necessary when it simply takes the place of

the assignment.

#### THE ENGLISH CLASSICS IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS. (Continued from Page 135)

rest period, given over to amusement rather than to earnest effort; or, perhaps, that it is to be looked upon as a safety-valve to dispose of the pupils' surplus vivacity and animal spirits, in order to prepare a zone of quiet for the teacher's pet lesson immediately following, which latter, in all likelihood, can not even remotely be compared in importance with the classics. That such a view is most importance with the classics. That such a view is most false is most manifestly evident and than which nothing could be more destructive of the spirit of earnestness that should characterize the mental attitude of both teacher and pupil in the pursuit of this difficult and yet most attractive study. The teacher must make sure of all the means at his command to counteract such a perall the means at his command to counteract such a per-nicious tendency. His own deportment must be sedate and grave, as it invariably should be, if he desires to ac-complish any good whatever. The pupils' minds should be strongly impressed with the importance of the study and the teacher must unrelentingly insist upon a sustained effort at attention. Boisterous outbreaks of merriment must be rigidly suppressed. At such times the pupils become utterly distracted and it is difficult to regain the lost attitude of mind. Moreover, the late Archbishop J. L. Spalding informs us, that "Merriment is never far from being ridiculous."

In order to conduct such a lesson efficiently, the teacher

himself must be filled to overflowing with the love and the spirit of poetry; he must be a very storehouse of history and mythology, of Roman, Grecian, and other antiquities; he must have at his immediate command a host of other he must have at his immediate command a host of other sources, from which to supply the information necessary to explain at length what is only briefly indicated in the classic; he must rouse in the hearts and minds of the pupils the love and the desire for classical lore and open to them the fountainhead, from which to draw the ineffable pleasure springing therefrom which is unknown to all who have not tasted thereof. The teacher who has not all these requirements can not rouse that spirit. If he be dependent upon sources outside of himself for all the information required, he becomes a mere automaton. the information required, he becomes a mere automaton, a Victrola, which grinds out whatever tune is put onto it; it is mere canned music or, in our case, canned information, conducted from its storage place, the encyclopedia, through the intermediary channel, the teacher, to its destination, the pupils' mind. Alas! such students are truly to be pitied. Longing for fresh, first-hand, glowing representations and explanations of the difficulties before them from a live teacher, they must, forsooth, content themselves with such a makeshift. As an illustration, let us consider the two concluding passages of I, I, of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." The teacher calls upon Johnnie to read the passage. Johnnie does so somewhat after the fashion of: On the Rocky Road to Dublin, the navigation is difficult; shoals and breakers on the bow and astern, astarboard and alarboard, and Johnnie is not and astern, astarboard and alarboard, and Johnnie is not an experienced helmsman; if the teacher is not, then all is lost. After reading, Johnnie heaves a sigh of relief and sits down casting an anxious glance at the teacher, fearing awkward questions. But this teacher is equally anxious and no fonder of awkward questions than is Johnnie. "Well read, Johnnie, my boy," he says, and hastily calls upon Jimmie to continue the reading. Not a word of explanation! And thus the lesson continues to the end of the period and teacher and pupils, like Johnnie, heave a sigh of relief that the agony is over. Now, there is not a line in these passages which does not call for painstaking explanations. The grammatical construction, rhetorical figures, the meaning of even the more ordinary Explanations. The grammatical construction, rhetorical figures, the meaning of even the more ordinary English words must be made plain. Then names and terms such as Cato, Brutus, Portia, golden fleece, Colchos, Jason and others demand their rights. To make it at all intelligible to the pupils would require at the lowest possible estimate the entire period given to classics; to do full justice to it, twice that length of time would not be too much. But the teacher depicted above is not in a position to attempt what to him would be acrobatic feats; since he has no knowledge of such matters. To prepare this lesson in the manner demanded by justice to the pupils, would take far more time than he can afford to give to it; the day has but twenty-four hours. He has no store of knowledge and the encyclopedia must come to the reserve. But while the encyclopedia is indeed. to the rescue. But while the encyclopedia is indeed a very useful and very necessary aid for all yet if a teacher depend on it for all his information, then our schools are

It is to be hoped most earnestly, that our teachers, one and all, without regard to sex, race, or creed, will make the most strenuous efforts to bring about a change in the present slovenly manner of teaching the classics, and to so influence the hearts and minds of their charges with an admiration and love of classical lore as to delight the hearts of the Muses.

hearts of the Muses.

#### Advocates Uniform Language for the United States.

Speaking in the upper house of the Ohio Legislature, Senator Robt. J. O'Brien of Cincinnati, declared that "American should be the language taught in the schools of this commonwealth and of the country at large," explaining his meaning in the following words:

"Some people may criticize me, and say there is no such language. But there is. It represents what everybody has loved from the time the world began down to the present day. It represents the greatest language among men—the language of liberty, backed up by truth and justice. America gives us language to have and to hold, a language of loyalty, a language all our own.

The surest method of arriving at a knowledge of God's eternal purposes about us is to be found in the right use of the present moment. Each hour comes with some little fagot of God's will fastened upon its back.-Faber.

#### STATE UNIVERSITY LIFE AND IDEALS.

By the Rev. H. C. Hengell, Rector, St. Paul's University Chapel, Madison, Wisconsin.



Rev. H. C. Hengell.

For a dozen years past, I have observed and studied uninave observed and studied university students and instruc-tors. They are far more inter-esting than books. There are certain characteristics pos-There are sessed by all, or by nearly all of them. There are also many characteristics by which they differ greatly from one another.

A common characteristic of university students is their disposition to be fair, decent and straightforward. Excepting the annual class rush or bag rush, students display a desire to be fair and square in their games and other contests. They pos-sess generous impulses towards

patriotism. They are inclined to help their fellows who

patriotism. They are in trouble.

It is to be regretted that so few instructors or professors are able and willing to help students to cultivate these precious moral and spiritual instincts. There are professors who are lazy and monotonous. There are professors who are lazy and monotonous. professors who are lazy and monotonous. There are others who are merely clever and sensational. Too often professors are weak on the moral and religious ideals of their students by the pretensions of sensational science, false philosophy and fake sociology.

The really constructive professor is the one who builds up reverence for religion, love for others and manly self-control in his students. There are so few professors who appreciate this fact that students should seek supplemenappreciate this fact that students should seek suppliementary moral and spiritual instruction and inspiration outside the university. By reading religious literature, by attending university chapels or churches, and by association with spiritually minded fellow students, students can do much to educate themselves into real men and women. They will develop their ethical instincts and supplement the efforts of the really worth while professors. plement the efforts of the really worth while professors of the university.

From what I have written so far it must not be sup-posed that I place the chief blame for the failure of many students to acquire a real education upon their instructors and professors. Far from it. The good student will do better with poor professors than the poor student with good professors. The students themselves are after all the greatest difficulties as well as the greatest factors in the process of education.

About one-third of the students who attend the university are misfits. They are wasting their time. They try to avoid what they are supposed to get at the university; namely, an education. They're in for a good time. They enjoy so-called university life but not the life of a real student. Some of them manage to get good marks, and yet they miss the real thing, an education.

I have often been surprised at the evident lack of mental power and culture in some college and university stu-dents, even graduates. They have not the faintest honest interest in the thought world. They are incapable of cona time. They are superficial and frivolous and many of them are filled with rebellious impulses against mental concentration, and they do not even regret it. Professors may offer such students what they need, but they accept only what they want. Usually they want credits, not knowledge. They prefer a degree to an inspiration for

To such students, a university degree means only a chance to make an easy living, to do some social climbing, to marry some one really or supposedly above their own social or financial level.

After all, however, I believe that the greater part of our state university students are earnest workers to whom the making of a life is more than the making of a living. They are as loyal to God as they are to country. They revere and practise religion as the necessary means to real culture, namely, self-culture. To them the heart of education is education of the heart. To them the soul of progress is progress of the soul. God grant that their tribe may grow great and strong.

#### HEALTH HINTS.

Exercise and the Out of Doors. If the teacher would be healthy she should take varied If the teacher would be healthy she should take varied daily exercise, preferably of the play type. It is well to cultivate a hobby that will take one much out of doors, such as nature study, long strolls, tennis, etc. It is necessary to guard against undertaking too many collateral duties, such as Sunday-School teaching, club-work, and the like. No opportunity should be lost to counteract the one-sided sedentary life the teacher must of necessity lead. As expressed in the advice of one counselor of health, "Every one who is engaged in a sedentary indoor occupation ought to spend at least two hours a day in the

health, "Every one who is engaged in a sedentary indoor occupation ought to spend at least two hours a day in the open air in some light but brisk and enjoyable form of exercise—not merely as an act of self-indulgence of his lower nature, but as a means of increasing his efficiency." Vacation is for the teacher the most critical division of the year. Professional success depends in no small degree upon the use that is made of the opportunities then offered for renewal of physical energy and moral enthusiasm. No advice is possible that will fit the needs of everyone, but, generally speaking, a goodly fraction of the vacation should be spent in outdoor pursuits and a the vacation should be spent in outdoor pursuits and a somewhat smaller portion in study, preferably of a not too strictly professional kind. The vacation is pre-eminently a time for striking a new balance in things mental and physical. The somewhat narrowing interests of the school-room should give place temporarily to other intellectual pursuits and to the vitalizing, humanizing influences of literature, history, art, and friendship. On the physical side, the well-spent summer vacation should rid the teacher's brain and muscles of the accumulated clinkers of a school-year, and if she belongs to the well-known variety pedadogia anaemia she should carry to her schoolroom in September at least a million more red corpuscles for each cubic centimeter of blood in her body than she could have boasted on the previous Commencement Day. Blood tests and other physical examinations are a recent and portentous addition to the methods of experimental pedagogy. Ignatieff has demonstrated that the weeklong examination nearly always effects a loss of body weight. Mosso and others have proved that prolonged application to mental work reduces the depth of respiration to an astonishing degree. Graziani and Helwig have beautifully demonstrated that excessive devotion to menbeautifully demonstrated that excessive devotion to mental work both reduces the percentage of hæmoglobin and reinforces the "degenerative" processes in the red corpuscles. Blood tests in the open-air schools show in a striking way the reverse phenomenon, i. e., the nicrease in hæmoglobin and number of blood corpuscles under the influence of open-air living, abundant exercise and diet, and shorter rations of mental work. There is no reason why a well-spent vaaction should do less for the faded, wearied teacher than for the thirty-seven summer colony children studied by Dr. Borchmann of Mescow. In this case the summer vacation produced for the boys a gain of 936,000 red corpuscles per cubic centimeter of blood and 6.1 per cent of hæmoglobin; for the girls a gain of 720,000 red corpuscles and 8.7 per cent of hæmoglobin.

Efficiency in Buying Equipment.

Among the parochial schools the system (if it may be called such) of purchasing the supplies and equipment is not, as a rule, as efficient as that obtaining in the public schools. Often times it is found that haphazard methods of ordering from concerns proves detrimental to both the school and to reputable dealers not patronized in the first place. Of course, the buyer for an institution must learn, but it seems unfair that reputable business houses deserving of their patronage and soliciting it through logical channels should receive only secondary consideration.

The publishers of The Journal take occasion to lay particular emphasis upon the policy of all Catholic schools giving at least a portion of their business in the supply line to those enterprising advertisers found in the columns of this publication. Care is exercised in presenting only reliable dealers and a certain degree of pride should be taken by religious teachers with the success of this undertaking. We confidently hope that our schools will consider these advertisers when the opportunity arises for purchasing supplies.

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SOME SHAKESPEREAN HERESIES. By THOMAS O'HAGAN, M. A. Ph. D. Litt. D. (Laval), L. L. D. (Notre Dame).



I suppose that next to the bible Shakespere has been wrested most to a false understanding. Critics have read everything into his work. He is by turn Puritan, Agnostic, Fatalist, Catholic, Democrat, Agricust Lynamic Language. Aristocrat, Impo Imperialist, Angli-

The truth is that Shakespere represents humanity and the co-efficients of humanity are so many and varied that it would be difficult to satisfy the student or reader in their enumeration.

Dr. Thomas O'Hagan

not man in the abstract but man in the concrete. For the life of man fills the universe. His deeds are the manuscripts of the earth; the passions of his soul, the dramatic tempests in which are shaped the tragedies of life. Genius is but the highest expression of nature and as a critic tells us he who would study arightly the genius of Shakespere would do well to make a profound study of the nature of man.

the nature of man.

We have many schools of Shakesperean criticism and not a few of them have done grievous wrong to the genius of the great bard of Avon. Some one has said that if you would know Shakespeare read his plays, if you would know what he is not read his critics.

I know of no school of Shakesperean criticism that not-withstanding its sincere earnestness and passionate prob-

withstanding its sincere earnestness and passionate probing has done more wrong to Shakespere than the German school. Unfortunately the Teuton mind is always looking for literary pearls in the depth of the sea. This diving down deep and staying down long and then coming up dirty is not satisfactory to clear, intellectual thinking. This is, however, the very thing that German critics have done to Shakespere. They have been searching for enigmas where there are no enigmas.

The play on which these German Shakesperean critics have lavished their most abstruse thinking is Hamlet, Gervinus and Ulrici and Schlegel and Goethe have pronounced critical verdicts on this, perhaps the greatest tragedy in all literature—they have offered us theories in abundance as to Hamlet's hesitancy to avenge the death of his father—they have psychologically with scal-pel laid bare what they regard as the "inmost Hamlet." Yet, in my opinion, they have only darkened for us the so-called riddle of Hamlet.

By the way, the rankest and most unpardonable Shakes-percan heresy ever held as regards the play of Hamlet is that which would make the "inky-cloaked Dane" ab-solutely insane—absolutely mad.

How any critic can reconcile this with the free will and free agency which is necessarily the basis of all modern drama we know not. Just fancy the protagonist of a Shakesperean drama insane and you will see at once how that under these conditions there cannot be free will and free agency.

In the Greek drama the catastrophe is from without and not from within, but the fatalism of passion in Shakes-pere's drama resides in a free will to choose—to act and hence to avert or bring on the catastrophe. Further, it will be observed in the plays of Shakespere that he never duplicates any one character. That is to say, if there be one character really insane, the other character is only feigning insanity. This is the case in King Lear and in Hamlet Ophelia is veritably insane, while

Hamlet is only feigning madness:

"As I perchance hereafter shall think meet
To put an antic disposition on."

Again, because Hamlet instead of sweeping to his revenge meditates and soliloquizes many Shakesperean critics, especially the German, conclude that his will is too weak to act. I regard this as an entirely false view and I am pleased to see that in this I am supported by the learned Jesuit Father Blackmore, whose excellent work, "The Riddle of Hamlet," published by the Stratford Company of Boston, should be read by every student of Shakespere. dent of Shakespere.

Had Hamlet slain at once his guilty uncle Claudius he would have drawn upon him the punishment of the State, besides cutting off forever all proof of the royal usurper's crime. The people of Denmark know nothing of the crime whose harrowing details have been unfolded to Hamlet through the ghostly lips of his murdered forther. dered father.

Vengeance is certainly Hamlet's duty; but it is not assassination. His problem is not to devise means to slay the King—that is easy enough; it is to devise means

assassination.

It hink it also a mistake to attempt to read Shakespere's politics or religion into his plays. Shakespere's dramas are not purpose dramas. In my opinion Shakespeare held no brief for any party, either political or religious—he simply held a brief for the building up of a good, successful acting drama, in which life is presented objectively. He was too great a dramatist to make these plays and dramatic conceptions the vehicle and means of expressing and propagating his own views on religious, political or social questions. He is always loyal to truth and truth being Catholic he, as a great dramatist, deals always justly and sympathetically with the Catholic Church, its representatives and its doctrines. In this connection it would be well for the student to read Father Thurston's very judicial and very able article in the Catholic Encyclopedia on "The very able article in the Catholic Encyclopedia on "The Religion of Shakespere." The learned Jesuit's paper will surely prove a corrective of the pet theories advanced by those who hold a brief for their own dramatic delusions.

A Tribute to Father Cavanaugh. FATHER CAVANAUGH, Cowley's ideal found realizaton in the person of Father Cavanaugh, CSC., so long and so successfully president of Notre Dame University. A ready speaker, a capable writer, a good "mixer" and an efficient administrator, Father Cavanaugh is not less a lover of books and a molder of men. Now that he has retired from the cares and responsibilities of his arduous office, let us hope that his spirit will long survive in the splendid educational fabric in the rearing of which he has taken so large a share, and that his example will be an incentive to all our Catholic men and women whom obedience has intrusted with the direction of schools and academies and colleges. May their work be broad and deep like unto his! (Brother Leo, F. S. C.

CATHOLIC MALE LAY TEACHERS' SOCIETY PREPARE FOR TWELFTH BIENNIAL.



Rev. Jos. F. Barbian, Pres.

With the memories of the With the memories of the Eleventh Biennial Convention of the Catholic Male Lay Teachers' Society (held at St. Francis, Wis., in July, 1918), still in mind, the Executive Board is making earnest preparations for the Twelfth Biarrial recting to be held in arations for the Twelfth Bi-ennial meeting to be held in July, 1920. Efforts are being made to make this the banner convention of the Society. The Eleventh Biennial Con-vention, though hampered by

war conditions which caused war conditions which caused a smaller attendance, made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers. Splendid papers were read. The Rev. J. Kaster,

New London, Wis., Vice-President of the organization, was the life of the convention, and it was due to his untiring efforts that in spite of adverse conditions, a suc-

cessful meeting was held.

The subject of the timely papers presented (copies of which are had on application) were:

"The Study of English," by Francis Yealy, S. J.

"The Development of Interest in the Pupil," with special

cial reference to the seventh and eighth grades, by Brother

Jerome, C. S. C.

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varied fields, including all of his poems which it is deemed advisable to preserve, among them five composed in France, and not heretofore published between covers, also a group of little known early poems and sourcel not until new out into and several not until now put into print. The letters are characteristically charming and likely to hold a permanent place in literature. In correspondence with Rev. James J. Daly, S.J., the poet reveals the steps in his conversion to the Catholic faith. His letters from France are flashes from the shining facets of a chivalrous nature. The essays are rich in humor, with a deep sense of spiritual values and a happy literary touch. Each is a gem, and every one different from the others. Discoursing on "The Inefficient Library," the author points out that if people aimed chiefly at making household libraries efficient, there would be no adventures among "there would be no adventures among books possible in such libraries. Indeed, efficiency in the library would soon reduce it, if logically developed, to a collection of anthologies and reference works, and possibly some such practical jokes as President Eliot's Five Foot Shelf.' The essayist reaches the conclusion that books are friends, and "a man does essayist reaches the conclusion that books are friends, and "a man does not deliberately select his friends; there must be a selection by them as well as by him. Unless he is applying the principles of efficiency to friendship. And in that case he has no friends at all." In libraries into which such volumes as these of Kilmer's find their way they are prized. which such volumes as these of Kil-mer's find their way they are prized independently of utilitarian considera-tions, for the sheer delight arising from their perusal.

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—he disclosed a principle susceptible
of utilization by educators. If memory were solely a function of the brain

all branches of education could be imparted by maxims, and the student of horsemanship or swimming or music could perfect himself by conning a book. To acquire proficiency in pen-manship or in spelling nothing more manship or in spelling nothing more would be required than to learn the rules. Experience shows, however, that the memorization of rules is only a beginning — that "Practice makes perfect." Facility in Penmanship comes from the training of the eye and the hand as well as from implant and the hand as well as from implanting in the mind rules for forming the characters to be described by the pen. The A. N. Palmer Company has made possible the economy of time, in instructing students of writing and probability as series of text. in instructing students of writing and spelling, by compiling a series of text books which teach both at once. The Palmer script is legible as well as beautiful, and may be written with extraordinary rapidity. The text-books, containing material for an eight-year course, present writing lessons which are spelling lessons as well, the words for the purpose selected and arranged prominent teachers of New York city. The lessons are printed from photo-engraved plates from originals in muscular movement writing, performed at commercial speed. The system is commended without reservation. Everybody recalls the story of the epigrammatist who when reproached for his bad handwriting replied that he did not dare to mend it for fear people would see how wretchedly he spelled. He belonged to a numerous tribe, whose disappearance will be promoted by the intro-duction of the Palmer Method Spell-

ers.

American Anniversaries; Every Day in the Year; Presenting Seven Hundred and Fifty Events in United States History, from the Discovery of America to the Present Day. By Philip Robert Dillon. Cloth, 349 pages; with index, XIV pages. Philip R. Dillon Publishing Company, New York. Price \$2.50.

As is remarked by William Rabenort. Ph.D. of Columbia University.

enort, Ph.D., of Columbia University, in the "Foreword" to this interesting volume, to find an unexplored region in the realm of reference books unwonted achievement, yet this is what Mr. Dillon seems to have done. Nor is this all, for he has accomplished in a creditable manner the undertaking to which he has set his hand; and, notwithstanding the frequently fragmentary character of many of the paragraphs—a circumstance inherent in the plan of the work—it must be admitted that the author has written a readable book. His selection of topics shows judgment, and evidence is easily discoverable by any one who makes the test that pains have been taken to produce a work strictly "up to date." To demonstrate that other subjects than demonstrate that other subjects than war are accorded the importance which is their due, it may be noted that the anniversary commemorated under the date of the 25th of March is the celebration of the first Catholic Mass, on St. Clement's Island, near the mouth of the Potomac River, in Maryland, by Father Andrew White, S.J., in the year 1634; this, by the way, being the year in which the first white man set foot on the soil of Wisconsin. It was the worshipers at this first Mass in Maryland who two days later laid out the town of St. Mary's on the St. Mary's River, a branch of the Potomac, thus founding the colony of Maryland. In the opinion of Mr. Dillon this is the most distinctively Catholic anniversary in American history. From Thomas F. Meehan, associate editor of the Catholic Encyclopedia, he quotes the following, written for publication in "American Anniversaries": "From this event—the celebration of the first Mass on St. Clement's Island—follow in unbroken sequence: Public Catholic worship; religious toleration; the first nativeborn religious, men and women; the Hierarchy; Catholic education, the first schools and the first college; the first civic organization, St. Mary's." Mr. Dillon's book will be prized in newspaper offices, and valued by the public generally. It is worthy of a place in every school library.

The American Year Book; a Record of Events and Progress; 1918. Edited by Francis G. Wickware, B. A., B. Sc., with Co-operation of a Supervisory Board Representing National Learned Societies. Cloth, 850 pages. Price \$3.50 net. D. Appleton & Company, New York.

The year 1918 was marked beyond any other recent twelvemonth by events that will make it memorable in the history of America and the world. Within the compass of this volume is a record of what happened during that year in war, business, science, art and other fields of human endeavor, the various subjects being grouped under thirty-one different classifications, each section compiled by a specialist in his line, and each topic being summarized and reviewed by a competent writer. Former issues of the American Year Book—there have been nine in all—are highly prized assets of every reference library; but the current issue exceeds its predecessors in permanent value, and teachers as well as business and professional men in general are likely to appraise it as indispensable.

Catholic Hymns for the People. Edited by James Martin Raker. Cloth, 96 pages. Price \$1, postpaid. Catholic Music Press, Wilton, Wis. The object of this compilation as set forth in the preface is to present in a form convenient both for singing and accompaniment a selection of hymns and tunes drawn from Catholic sources, fairly representative of the best traditions, and covering all ordinary requirements of popular sacred songs. There are evidences in the volume, which bears the imprimatur of His Grace Bishop Schwebach of La Crosse, that it has been a labor of love by one with "music in his soul" who has a reverent liking for good old melodies worthy in them-

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selves and hallowed by associations. In several instances where English words were lacking they have been supplied by the editor. His hope that "the collection will find acceptance in the homes of the people, where too often are to be found only hymns commendable neither for musical propriety nor soundness of doctrine," deserves encouragement.

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The Four Gates. By Rev. Edward P. Garesché, S. J. Cloth, 139 pages. Price, \$1.50. P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York.

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"Can any little child give me a commandment with only four words in it?"

"Well?" said the teacher.

"Keep off the grass," was the reply.

Came Later.

Teacher (to new pupil)—"What is your last name, my little man?"

New Pupil—"Tommy."
Teacher—"What is your full name?"
New Pupil—"Tommy Jones."
Teacher—"Then Jones is your last name?"
Tommy—"No, it isn't. When I was born my name was Jones, and they didn't give me the other for a month afterward."

Speaking of Danger.

The teacher had been telling her class about the rhinoceros family. "Now name some things," she said, "that are very dangerous to get near to and that have horns." "Automobiles!" promptly answered Johnny.

#### A Useless Member.

Unlike most little boys who have never attended school,

Unlike most little boys who have never attended school, little Arthur was firm in his determination not to go. Finally his favorite Aunt Emma was called in to use her persuasive powers in breaking his will.

"Why, surely, Arthur," said his aunt, "you are going to school with your big sister in the fall?"

"No, I'm not going to school at all," steadfastly declared the little chap. "I can't read, nor I can't write, nor I can't sing; so I'd like to know what good I'd be at school!"

How It Looked to Him.

How It Looked to Him.

A teacher was trying to impress her pupils with the rising inflection in reading. She' wrote this sentence, "Where are you going?" on the board, and asked Tommy to read it. Tommy read, "Where are you going"—no inflection. She had him do it again. There was no change. "Now, Tommy," she said, "look carefully at that sentence and see if you don't notice some difference between it and others we've had. Be sharp now, and read it again." Tommy wriggled back and forth in an effort to again." Tommy wriggled back and forth in an effort to be "sharp;" and then the light of knowledge shone forth from his eyes, and he read, "Where are you going, little buttonhook?"

A Practical Problem.

"Good-morning, children," said the arithmetic teacher. "How many of you have prepared an original problem in multiplication, as I requested?" Only one hand went up. "Well, William, you may give your problem and the rest of the class may solve it." "If my baby sister is a year old now and weighs twenty pounds, and keeps on gaining two ounces a day until she is sixteen years old, and if the price of living doubles again in the next ten years, how much will my sister's graduation outfit cost? Mother says she would like to know."

More Poultry Than History.

After the teacher had recited "The Landing of the Pilgrims," she requested each pupil to draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock. Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand. "Well, Willie, what is it?" asked the teacher. "Please, ma'am, do you want us to draw a hen or a rooster?"

Practical Application of Text.

A little boy in Sunday-school was taught the Scriptural text, "Whatsoever a man sows, that also shall he reap. Asked to repeat it the following Sunday, he replied: "Whatever a man sews always rips."

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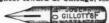
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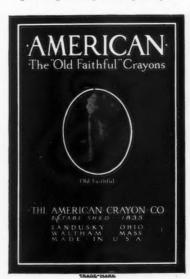


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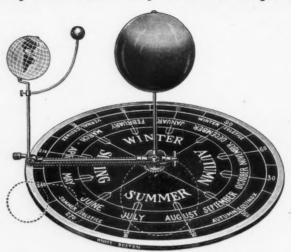
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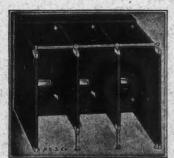
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